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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the **'Anbu Karangal'** Scheme and distributed identity cards to the beneficiaries of the scheme, on behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, at the Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 15.09.2025. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin** was with him on the occasion.

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*Igalethir Saaynthozhuga Vallaarai Yaare*
*Migalookkum Thanmai Yavar (Kural: 855)*

There is no one who can triumph over those who do not give a place to enmity that might rise in their heart and have the power to act without giving in to it.

*- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural...*

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## FIRST WRAPPER

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, **Thiru. A. Revanth Reddy**, who participated as the Special Guest in the 'Tamil Nadu Excels in Education' event held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Auditorium in Chennai on 25.09.2025, to celebrate the great renaissance in the educational field in the State, inaugurated the 'Pudhumai Penn' and 'Tamil Pudhalvan' schemes for the 2025-2026 academic year and distributed debit cards to the girl student beneficiaries.

# "Tamil Nadu excels in education"

**The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin launched the 'Pudhumai Penn' and 'Tamil Pudhalvan' schemes for the academic year 2025–2026.**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, Thiru. A. Revanth Reddy, who participated as the special guest, at Chennai, on 25.09.2025 in the Nehru Indoor Stadium, at the celebration of Tamil Nadu's great educational renaissance under the theme 'Tamil Nadu Excels in Education', launched the "Pudhumai Penn" and 'Tamil Pudhalvan' schemes for the academic year 2025–2026 and distributed bank debit cards to students. This year, 2.57 lakh students will benefit from the 'Pudhumai Penn' and 'Tamil Pudhalvan' schemes.

As proof that an egalitarian society with social justice can be built through education, sports, and the arts, Tamil Nadu is advancing on its path and stands as a model to other states. To celebrate the heights achieved by Tamil Nadu through its educational renaissance, the 'Tamil Nadu Excels in Education' festival was held today.

## Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme

To ensure that students come to school without hunger, to improve their nutritional status and to reduce the workload of working mothers, the Chief Minister's Breakfast

Scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.09.2022 in Madurai.

After the implementation of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, student attendance in schools has increased. Children coming from distant hilly areas and children from marginalized communities have been greatly benefiting from this scheme. At present, breakfast is being provided under this scheme in 37,416 schools. Through this, 20 lakh 59 thousand children are benefiting.

The State Planning Commission's study indicates that students focus on studies has increased compared to before, their reading and writing skills have improved and they are healthier with better physical well-being. It is noteworthy that from December 2023 to December 2024, the number of children visiting hospitals has decreased by 60 percent.

## Naan Mudhalvan Scheme

To make school and college students and youth of Tamil Nadu achievers not only in academics but also in life, the skill development and guidance scheme titled 'Naan Mudhalvan' was launched on 01.03.2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Through the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme, the gap between classrooms and the job market has been reduced. The scheme helps students to identify what further studies they can pursue and which fields they are interested in, thereby guiding them towards higher education and ensuring their employment. The skill development training provided to students enables them to face life with greater confidence and prepares them for competitive exams and interviews. Through this scheme, 14,63,764 students have received skill training.

This scheme plays an important role in securing employment in key industries as

well as preparing candidates for the UPSC examinations. In 2021, only 27 candidates were selected from Tamil Nadu. After the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the 'Naan Mudhalvan' education scholarship scheme, every year 1,000 candidates are selected through examinations and provided with a monthly scholarship of Rs.7,500. The Government also bears the expenses of travelling to Delhi for the interview after passing the preliminary examination. Through this scheme, 39 candidates were selected from Tamil Nadu in 2023-2024 and 50 candidates in 2024-2025.

## Pudhumai Penn Scheme

The Pudhumai Penn scheme, which provides a monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 to girl students studying in classes 6 to 12 in Government schools and pursuing higher education, was launched on 05.09.2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Through this scheme, financial assistance are provided to students pursuing degree, diploma, or ITI courses, thereby increasing higher education opportunities for Government school girl students. At present, the scheme has been expanded to include students studying in aided schools as well. Currently, 5,29,000 girl students are benefiting from this scheme. According to the State Planning Commission's report, in just the first year, 13,681 more girls joined colleges for higher education compared to the usual number. The number of girls going to

colleges has increased in areas such as Salem, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, and Tiruvannamalai. In 2025, the Government of Tamil Nadu has included transgender and differently-abled girls in this scheme.

## Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme

The Tamil Pudhalvan scheme, which provides a financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 to boy students studying in classes 6 to 12 in Government schools and in aided schools in Tamil medium and pursuing higher education, was launched on 09.08.2024 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Through this scheme, currently 3.92 lakh students are benefiting.

The Pudhumai Penn and Tamil Pudhalvan schemes have brought a significant change in higher education in Tamil Nadu. These schemes have changed the situation where children from economically weaker families were sent to work instead of higher studies due to financial constraints.

The number of students progressing from school education to higher education has increased by 75 percent, placing Tamil Nadu first in higher education in India. This scholarship is not merely financial assistance; it is an investment in dignity, the dream of success, and equality.

## Model Schools

In the model schools started in 2021, students are provided systematic training for entrance examinations such as JEE, NEET, CLAT, and CUET. These schools, functioning as residential institutions, offer hostel facilities, laboratories, libraries, computer facilities, sports amenities, as well as training to develop artistic talents and individual skills.

In the past four years, for the first time, over 1,800 rural first-generation students have gone to premier educational institutions in the country to pursue higher education in medicine, law, engineering and science. Some have even gone to universities abroad for higher studies. The Government of Tamil Nadu bears the full cost of their education.

## Scholarship for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Students

The scholarships provided by the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department greatly benefit students from disadvantaged communities. This assistance supports their entire education, from first grade up to Ph.D. level.

The Higher Education Guidance Scheme and the scholarship for Adi Dravidar and Tribal students together have made higher education accessible to all and have greatly contributed to social transformation.

To eliminate caste and social differences among students and to promote harmony, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has ordered that the hostels for school and college students functioning under various Government Departments across Tamil Nadu be renamed as "Social Justice Hostels."

## Tamil Nadu leads in sports

Tamil Nadu excels not only in education but also in the field of sports. The Government of Tamil Nadu has invested Rs. 548 crore to improve sports infrastructure. Prize amounts totalling Rs. 150 crore have been

awarded to sportspersons who have participated in various competitions and won medals. Mini stadiums are being developed in every constituency.

Since this Government assumed office, District sports complexes, Olympic academies, athletic grounds, hockey grounds, indoor stadiums, and special academies have been established. Star academies have been set up in all 38 Districts. Various schemes have been implemented, including training to identify and encourage the talents of local sportspersons and provision of Kalaignar Sports Kits worth Rs. 86 crore and Rs. 100 crore for urban sports facilities. Through this, not only urban areas but also rural students and youth benefit by getting opportunities to play and receive training.

The Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation provides financial and material support worth Rs. 29.63 crore to sportspersons. Just as traditional athletics is valued, para-Olympic athletics is given equal importance, demonstrating inclusivity.

Sportspersons who have represented Tamil Nadu and excelled at national and state levels, are being given employment in Government Departments or public sector undertakings under a 3 percent sports quota.

### Schemes implemented for the educational development of Tamil Nadu Students

Through the ‘Ennum Ezhuthum’ scheme, numeracy and literacy are strengthened for children studying from first to third standard. Teachers ensure that this knowledge is instilled in children by the age of eight.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has introduced a digital learning platform called ‘Manarkeni’. Through this platform, students can learn their lessons with video explanations. This application has been designed so that Tamil-speaking students all over the world can use it. When teachers teach using this tool, students get a visual learning experience, helping them remember the content more easily. Smart classrooms

installed in every school make it easier for both students and teachers to use Manarkeni.

The art festival that nurtures students' artistic talents has received a great response. Art festivals play an important role in showcasing the talents of Government school students and in strengthening the teacher–student relationship.

The Government of Tamil Nadu consider it as its duty to develop the individual talents of students and to nurture them into well-rounded human beings through initiatives such as the reading movement, children's literature festivals and quiz competitions.

First-generation children from agricultural communities, agricultural labourer families, and daily-wage households are gradually entering schools and colleges. Tamil Nadu, with its proud history of upholding social justice, has, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, taken significant strides since 2021 in establishing social justice in education. Altogether, these initiatives and schemes implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu are guiding lights for a great educational renaissance.

## Celebration of Tamil Nadu's Great Educational Renaissance

At this event celebrating Tamil Nadu's great educational renaissance, a video presentation explained, with statistical data, how the education level of students benefiting from the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme is improving, as well as the improvements in their physical health. Dr. Arun Kumar spoke about the nutritional benefits of the breakfast scheme, and film directors Thiru. Prem Kumar and Thiru. Tamilarasan Pachaimuthu spoke about the benefits of this scheme.

Film directors Thiru. Vetrimaaran, Thiru. M. Mysskin, and Thiru. Thyagarajan Kumararaja appreciated Tamil Nadu's excellence in education and spoke about it.

A short film about the industries and educational institutions involved in the 'Naan

Mudhalvan' scheme was screened. 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme Director Tmt. Shanti explained the benefits of the scheme and its impact on students. Furthermore, students who have benefited from the scheme shared their experiences. A student who secured employment through this scheme presented her first month's salary to her father on stage. Following this, Thiru. Bala of Ashok Leyland, retired Justice Thiru. Chandru, and Speaker Tmt. Bharathi Bhaskar spoke appreciatively about the impact of the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme on students.

In the 'Sports Achievers' category, a short film was screened highlighting Tamil Nadu's achievements in the field of sports. Additionally, differently-abled sportspersons Manoj and athlete Rosy shared their experiences about various schemes implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu's sports Department and how these schemes have benefited them. Cricketer Thiru. Natarajan and film director Thiru. Mari Selvaraj spoke about the initiatives of the Government of Tamil Nadu's sports Department.

Students who have benefited from the 'Pudhumai Penn' and 'Tamil Pudhalvan' schemes shared their

experiences. Film actor Thiru. Sivakarthikeyan spoke about the 'Pudhumai Penn' and 'Tamil Pudhalvan' schemes.

A short film about "Achievers from Government Schools Who Reached Premier Higher Education Institutions" was screened, followed by beneficiaries sharing their experiences.

Subsequently, to honour those who have continually contributed to the development of education in Tamil Nadu — including social thinkers, exemplary headmasters, teachers, trainers, and administrators of educational institutions — the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, along with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana Thiru. A. Revanth Reddy, felicitated them by presenting shawls, mementos, and certificates of appreciation.

## Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at the event

My warm greetings to all of you.

Listening to the speeches of the students here has made me very emotional. Hearing your words and feedback, I realized right here that the results of our hard work are clearly visible before our eyes; and for that, I feel proud.

Everyone who spoke before me has mentioned how much importance Tamil Nadu gives to education, how it brings forward various schemes, and how, despite facing many obstacles, it continues to make its students advance in education.

## I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister who gave the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme and the Government behind him for my success and the success of others like me

Selvi Rajeswari

My name is Rajeswari. I am from Kalvarayan Hills, Karumanthurai, Salem District. I studied at Government Tribal Residential Higher Secondary School, Karumanthurai. My father struggled with the dream that at least one of his children should get a degree. He often used to tell me to become a doctor or engineer and reach a big position. Till 10th standard, I did not know anything about it. After finishing 10th, when I joined 11th, my father passed away. After that, I did not know what to do. I asked my teacher what I should study. He said, if you write JEE you can go to engineering, if you write NEET you can go to medicine. That is how I started trying for higher studies. Not only that, the Government arranged for one-hour morning classes. That was very useful. With their support, today I am studying in the Aerospace Department at IIT Madras. Not only me, but 41 more students from other states also are studying in IIT. Behind my success and their success is the Government of Tamil Nadu. At this time, I express my gratitude to the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Hon'ble Chief Minister who gave the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme. ■

**I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister Sir who gave the Pudhumai Penn Scheme to support my studies…**

Tmt. Sathya

My name is Sathya. I am studying third year Computer Engineering at Government Polytechnic College, Valangaiman. My mother said she could only educate me up to tenth standard. My father went abroad when I was two years old and could not return. My mother struggled a lot to make me study up to tenth standard. I studied well and wished to continue further. But my mother could not afford to educate me. Later, after my marriage, I could not educate my son either. Since I had cows, I thought of educating the children by earning through them. Accordingly, I made my son take up a diploma and I also started studying. After 17 years, I am studying now. People said, "How can you study?" To that, I replied that I can prove myself. After two months, I came first in class. I got the guilty feeling that I was adding to the responsibilities of my husband as two persons in the family had to be educated through his salary. After that, for the first time, I got the Magalir Urimai Thogai. Then I came to know about Pudhumai Penn amount being available for aided schools also, and I started getting that too. After receiving this scholarship, the thought that I was adding to my husband's burden completely went away. Now both my son and I are studying in the same college, same Department, same class. I have shown that age is not a barrier to education. The Magalir Urimai Thogai and the Pudhumai Penn Scheme given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Sir are the big support for my studies. For that, I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister Sir.

The main reason for conducting this event is not to praise ourselves, but to celebrate you today so that the next batches of students develop even greater enthusiasm for studies! That is what matters most. Moreover, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, Thiru. A.Revanth Reddy, has honoured this event by coming here, making all of us proud and deeply joyful!

When he was invited to this students programme through my sister Kanimozhi, He immediately said "OK" and came here despite many other commitments. Just like our Government's Magalir Vidiyal Payanam scheme, the Telangana Government has also implemented a free bus travel scheme for women, called the Mahalakshmi scheme. Similarly, we are also ready to implement the good schemes of Telangana here in Tamil Nadu. This is healthy "development" politics!

Protecting the Telangana state, which was formed through struggles, with that same spirit of struggle, he is leading as the representative of India's young leader, brother Rahul Gandhi. For that, I first convey my thanks to him!

Seeing the students gathered here gives me boundless joy! Dear students! By studying and progressing, it is not only you who will progress, but also your family and its future

generations as well! When families progress, states progress! When states progress, the nation progresses! That is why we continue to stress the importance of education!

For a thousand years, caste — a deeply rooted hereditary system — has existed! Because this system dominated society, our opportunities for education were denied. Throughout history, there have always been revolutionaries who fought against this oppression! At the peak of that continuity stands the Dravidian movement — a revolution that took place in the land of Tamil Nadu — which is the reason we have been able to progress so rapidly today.

Back then, midday meal schemes were first introduced in Chennai provincial schools by the Justice Party Government. Later, the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar introduced the midday meal scheme in schools across Tamil Nadu. The reason was to ensure that everyone in Tamil Nadu was brought to school and given the opportunity to study! That gradually developed into the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme implemented by our Dravidian Model Government today.

As a legislator, I was the first to raise the demand that transport facilities should not be a barrier for students completing primary education and taking up higher education. That demand was accepted, and the then Chief Minister, Thalaivar Kalaignar, introduced the Free Bus Pass Scheme. Following this, Thalaivar Kalaignar gave importance to college education and declared that there would be no fees for first-generation graduates going to college.

Thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who is giving all kinds of support for poor students like us under the **'Tamil Pudhalvan'** Scheme

Thiru. Chokkalingam

My name is Chokkalingam. I am studying B.A. Tamil, third year, at the Government Arts and Science College, Kadaiyanallur, Tenkasi District. My family has to struggle to make ends meet. My father works for daily wages. He gets work only three days a week. The daily wages we get are just enough for household expenses. After completing 12th standard, I worked in a company at Tiruppur. At that time, this scheme was not there. It was introduced later. I got admission in higher studies through this scheme. Now I am studying in college. This scheme is very helpful for me. Through this scheme I am able to pay my college fees, and also give money for my household expenses. I also give money for my younger sister's expenses. Because of this scheme, life has changed for many poor students like me. Many who worked with me earlier are now studying in college. I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister for providing all kinds of help through the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme for poor students like us to study in college.

Reservation in educational opportunities was increased so that students from all communities could have access to the paths of education. Thus, our educational journey has been filled with numerous struggles! To take this journey to the next level, our Dravidian model Government, over the past four years, has introduced many schemes such as the Pudhumai Penn scheme, Tamil Pudhalvan scheme, Naan Mudhalvan scheme, Model Schools, Smart Classrooms, and special schemes focusing on the sports sector.

Some might wonder, "What great change will happen by providing food or giving Rs. 1,000 a month?" Since the introduction of the Breakfast Scheme, student attendance has increased. Since the implementation of the Pudhumai Penn and Tamil Pudhalvan schemes, 75 percent of students completing Plus Two have been enrolling in higher education. In particular, there has been significant progress in women joining higher education.

In the past four years, 1,878 students from Government schools have gone to premier higher education institutions.

Today, the educational renaissance Tamil Nadu has achieved makes several states in India look at us and take notice! They are steadily adopting our schemes in their states. Those who cannot accept this renaissance think of creating obstacles to education! Seeing our progress, some even create obstacles out of fear — and that fear should be addressed!

Certainly, it is through our schemes and your achievements that this is happening! My goal is… education for all! Quality higher education for all! No one should be prevented from attending educational institutions for any reason; no one should be denied access! To you, the students, I have only one message… you must make use of every opportunity our Government provides and soar higher and higher. Seeing that will bring us joy. The joy that many of you have expressed in your speeches here is precisely that — and you must continue to do so.

Even after completing your undergraduate studies and securing a job, even if you reach a top position, you should pursue postgraduate

studies. You should also go for research studies. The world is vast. Your success must resonate in every direction. Keep studying… and to create employment opportunities that support your education, I, Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin, am here for you! Tamil Nadu, known for its excellence in education, should reach the heights in education. That should be the change that is wrought; we will surely make that happen.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

## Speech by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana Thiru. A. Revanth Reddy

I feel happy and honoured that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin has invited me to this function, and would also like to express my gratitude to him for it. I also thank the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin.

This is the land where great leaders like Perarignar Anna and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar lived. My greetings to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who is carrying forward the policies of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, and to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister. This is also the land where the 'Father of Education', Thiru. Kamarajar, lived.

In Tamil Nadu, youth excel both in education and in sports. This function will further encourage the youth of Tamil Nadu. They are following the principles of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. Both Tamil Nadu and Telangana share the same social justice policies.

The people of Tamil Nadu are very fortunate to have such a Chief Minister. Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's social justice principles have deeply inspired Telangana.

Tamil Nadu is excelling in both education and sports. The breakfast scheme is an unparalleled scheme. This scheme is being implemented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin for the welfare of poor and humble people. After seeing this, I have made a decision. From the next academic

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year onwards, we too are going to implement the breakfast scheme in Telangana. I am taking this scheme from my dear friend, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

The breakfast scheme is one that touches the heart. The Telangana Government will implement this scheme from next year. Tamils are truly fortunate that they have schemes like the ‘Pudhumai Penn’ Scheme, ‘Tamil Pudhalvan’ Scheme and ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ Scheme.

There has been a historic friendship between the Tamil and Telugu people. In Telangana, priority is also given to education, and many welfare schemes are being implemented in the education sector. I sincerely appreciate the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin, who is implementing excellent schemes like Naan Mudhalvan, Pudhumai Penn and Tamil Pudhalvan. As Tamils, you should be proud to have such a great Chief Minister. The model of Tamil Nadu stands as an example for the whole of India.

Tamil Nadu and Telangana share similar cultures. Social justice is common to both states. Do you know who our role model in social justice is? It is Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.

I also make another announcement here. In the upcoming local body elections in Telangana, we will implement 69 percent reservation, just like in Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu is a great state, excelling not only in education but also in sports. The people of Tamil Nadu and Telangana share a century-old bond of friendship. The Government of Tamil Nadu provides vocational training to graduates and ensures employment opportunities. Similarly, we are going to implement this scheme in Telangana as well.

Every year, about 1.1 lakh engineering students graduate from Telangana, but many of them do not find sufficient employment opportunities. To address this, I am establishing India Skills University to enhance the skills of our students.

Traditional vocational training methods are no longer effective. Therefore, modern vocational training is being provided to Telangana students in collaboration with Tata Company. Our higher educational institutions are now functioning on par with those in Tamil Nadu.

We are also making dedicated efforts to bring international universities to Telangana and Hyderabad.

Both states should work together to provide higher education to poor and deserving students and help realize their dreams.

I have established a Sports University, following the example of Tamil Nadu. I would like Tamil Nadu’s athletes to come to our state for training.

What is the use if, even after 76 years of independence, we are unable to win a gold medal at the Olympics? That is why I want to give greater importance to sports and athletes.

Both states should join hands to win Olympic gold medals in 2028. We must also ensure access to higher education for poor and deserving students. The Telangana government is ready to work in partnership with the Tamil Nadu government to achieve this.

### Speech of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin**, at the event

I warmly welcome all of you who have come to celebrate 'Tamil Nadu excels in Education'

I warmly welcome my dear brother, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, Thiru. Revanth Reddy to this historic event. Welcome Sir.

Our Chief Minister often says only one thing: "Education is the only asset that can never be destroyed."

If education is the wealth of students, then the students seated here are truly the wealth of Tamil Nadu.

Last month, our Hon'ble Chief Minister invited the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab, Thiru. Bhagwant Mann, to the function held for the extension of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme. In that event, the Hon'ble Punjab Chief

Minister appreciated the scheme and expressed his eagerness to implement it in Punjab.

Today, for this Grand Education Festival, our Hon’ble Chief Minister has invited the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Telangana. I hope this event will also be a meaningful and impactful experience for him.

Our Dravidian Model Government has been implementing numerous schemes for students—from school education, to higher education, and even to employment.

Tamil Nadu was the first state in India to introduce the Mid-Day Meal Scheme for school students in 1920. This historic achievement was pioneered by the Justice Party almost 100 years ago.

Similarly, Tamil Nadu is also the first state in India to provide breakfast for school students.

Earlier, parents leaving early for work had no time to prepare breakfast for their children. Students went to their classes on empty stomachs, distracted by hunger, unable to concentrate on their lessons. Their parents suffered because of this. Today, our Hon’ble Chief Minister has solved all these issues.

To ensure that students are not denied higher education due to family circumstances after finishing school, the Government of Tamil Nadu provides a monthly education incentive of Rs.1,000 for college students through schemes like Pudhumai Penn (for girl students) and Tamil Pudhalvan (for boys).

Students benefiting from these schemes no longer need to ask their parents for notebooks, project materials, or calculators. With the Rs.1000 provided by our Hon'ble Chief Minister, they can easily purchase these essentials.

Since the launch of these schemes, nearly 15,000 students who might have discontinued higher education due to financial difficulties have now enrolled in colleges.

Not just this—schemes like Naan Mudhalvan are preparing students for employment. Along with academics, this scheme provides them with job-ready skills and even instills confidence to become job providers rather than just job seekers.

Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has also given great importance to physical education and sports.

The very name of this event is on Tamil Nadu excelling in education. But by giving space to our athletes on this stage, our Hon'ble Chief Minister has shown that he values not only education but also sports. On behalf of athletes, I extend my thanks to him.

Through this event, he has emphasized that physical education is as important as school education and higher education.

Our Chief Minister believes that financial constraints should not be a barrier for athletes. Therefore, he launched the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation in 2023—the first of its

kind in India. He himself contributed Rs. 5 lakh as the first patron. I am proud to say he was the very first contributor.

Through this foundation, we have provided nearly Rs.25 crore worth of financial assistance and sports equipment to thousands of athletes.

To encourage sports, our Hon'ble Chief Minister has also provided Government and PSU jobs to more than 100 athletes in the previous year under the 3% sports quota. Equal importance is being given to para-athletes. Six para-sports arenas have already been set up across the state, with five more to come. Our Chief Minister has also ensured cash incentives for para-athletes on par with other players. This year, we are committed to providing Government jobs to 25 more para-athletes.

Athletes have already spoken here about the importance the Government gives to sports. I was particularly moved by the words of para-athlete Thambi Manoj. Born into a modest family, Manoj worked as a contract worker in TANSI. His talent was recognized, and under the orders of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, he received financial support from the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation. He went on to win medals in international competitions, bringing glory to both Tamil Nadu and India.

He was also given a Government job under the 3% sports quota by our Chief Minister. Manoj got married last year and invited me. I happily attended his wedding in Madurai, celebrating it like my own family function.

He shared everything here except one thing—that soon he will become a father. I take this moment to happily share this news.

Last night, while returning to Chennai by plane after attending various government and party functions in Virudhunagar and Madurai over the past two days, I noticed that Thambi Manoj was seated two seats away from me.

Then I asked, 'Are you going to Chennai?' He replied, 'Yes, brother, I am also going to Chennai. I will be participating in the program at Nehru Stadium tomorrow, and I will be speaking there,' he said. I was so happy to hear this.

Since many teachers and students are here today, I must make one request. I often say this to teachers: Maths and Science teachers should stop borrowing P.E.T. (Physical Education) periods to take their classes. As Sports Minister, on behalf of students and athletes, I repeat this appeal today.

Before I conclude, let me recall the words of Perarignar Anna. After becoming Chief Minister, Anna said he had done three things for Tamil Nadu:

1. He named the state 'Tamil Nadu'.
2. He enacted the law for two-language policy, refusing space for Hindi in Tamil Nadu.

3. He gave legal recognition to Self-Respect Marriages.

Anna said, "If any Government after me dares to change these three things, they will be gripped by fear—fear of what the people will do to them. As long as that fear remains, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu will always be Annadurai."

I would like to slightly modify those words now. Today, through schemes like the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, Pudhumai Penn Scheme, Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme and Naan Mudhalvan Scheme, our Hon'ble Chief Minister and our Dravidian Model Government are creating history.

If anyone ever thinks of changing or cancelling these schemes, they too will be gripped by fear. As long as that fear exists, it will mean that the one who rules Tamil Nadu is our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin.

Finally, I extend my greetings to all the students who have received incentives through Pudhumai Penn and Tamil Pudhalvan schemes this academic year.

"Let us all together take Tamil Nadu's excellence in education to greater heights, bringing pride not just to our state but to the entire Indian Union before the world.

Nandri, Vanakkam!

# *Appointment orders for 1,231 village health nurses*

News in Picture

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, congratulated the 1,231 Village Health Nurses who had been selected through direct recruitment and trained in the Government Nursing Training School, and handed over to them their appointment orders at an event organized by the Department of Health and Family Welfare at the Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 22.09.2025.

# ‘Anbu Karangal’ scheme to prevent school drop outs among orphaned children and children with single incapacitated parent

In its mission to build an equitable Tamil Nadu, the State Government has been implementing several schemes effectively for children’s education and their holistic growth.

As part of the “Thayumanavar Scheme”, which was introduced to identify families living in extreme poverty and to improve their quality of life, the Government of Tamil Nadu has announced the “Anbu Karangal Scheme.” This scheme is specifically aimed at children who have lost both parents, or who have lost one parent and cannot be cared for by the surviving parent, ensuring that they receive continuous support and protection.

Through this scheme, such children will be provided with a monthly assistance of Rs. 2,000 until the completion of their school education up to the age of 18. After completing school, opportunities for college education and appropriate skill development training will also be extended to them.

> The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** launched the ‘Anbu Karangal’ scheme on 15.09.2025.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin launched the scheme on 15.09.2025 at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, and distributed the financial assistance to the children.

In addition, on the same day, laptops were distributed to those students, who have lost both parents, completed Class 12 with the efforts of the Government of Tamil Nadu and have been admitted into various higher education institutions.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at the event

My warm greetings to all of you.

Hereafter, you need not worry! It is only to take better care of you that we have launched this 'Anbu Karangal' scheme. I am here… I will take care of you safely!

Today is a very important day! The birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna! The birth anniversary of Tamizh Thaayin Thalaimagan who named our motherland "Tamil Nadu"! The birth anniversary of the great leader who wrote the grammar for the Dravidian model of governance by saying, "We see God in the smile of the poor"!

Today, by launching this scheme, the smiles of the children who spoke here are indeed the true tribute we offer to Anna. I am filled with immense satisfaction and joy!

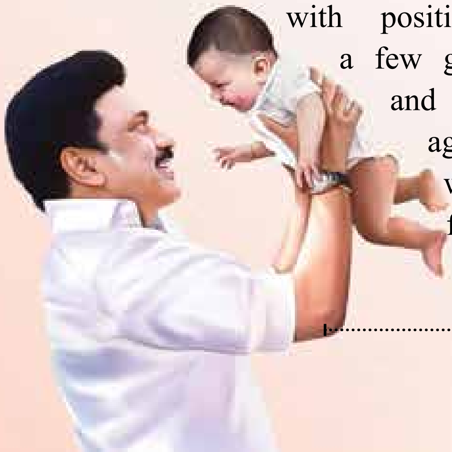
The Dravidian Model can be simply explained as "everything for everyone." But, ensuring that everyone truly receives everything is not easy—it requires work and striving!

In the Indian social context, the Dravidian movement represents the uprising of the ordinary people, who were suppressed as if they knew nothing, and should not know anything. That is why today, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam resonates as the people, with the people, and as the voice of the people!

We are using the responsibility of governance today to address the needs of the people and to bring about the changes required for this society! Politics is public service! It is hard work! As far as we are concerned, there is no place for luxury here!

You yourselves would have seen it. In the morning, I might be speaking with people in one place. By evening, I would have traveled several hundred kilometres to be with people in another town… another region. This dedication to work is what Thanthai Periyar – Perarignar Anna – and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar taught us. It is only because we are always with the people, as one among them, that we are able to closely understand what even the last person in society needs, and fulfill them!

When many think of politics, they believe it means coming to power, forgetting responsibility, being intoxicated with position, implementing a few glamorous schemes and then preparing again for elections with the same thirst for power. But our foundation itself is: "Not position, but responsibility!" Power is meant to fight for the common man!



Today,as part of the 'Thayumanavar' scheme, we have launched this 'Anbu Karangal' scheme Through this,6,082 children will be given Rs. 2,000 every month.

Is this being done for vote politics?

When I saw the suffering of a child coming to school hungry in the morning, I created the Breakfast Scheme. Today, 21 lakh children are served hot, tasty, and nutritious food every single day. Is this being done for vote politics?

For those on the fringes of society—numbering only a few hundreds or a few thousands—such as differently-abled persons with disabilities and transgender persons, we have been carefully implementing special schemes for them.

Is this being done for vote politics?

Let me say more. All of you know very well the kind of crisis under which our Dravidian Model Government assumed office. It was at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic! Countless lives were lost. Many people's jobs came to a halt. Numerous families lost their backbone and became weakened. Immediately, setting an example for all of India, we provided relief assistance of Rs. 511.27 crore to 15,775 children who lost their parents to COVID-19.

Is this being done for vote politics? No.

For the children who lost both parents to COVID-19, we provided monthly financial assistance of Rs. 3,000 to 1,148 children in 2021, to 1,112 children in 2022, and to 1,012 children in 2023 for three consecutive years.

Is this being done for vote politics? No.

For 1,400 girl children staying in Government service homes and Government children's homes, we are providing self-defense and sports training.

Is this being done for vote politics? No.

To supply breast milk to malnourished children in special adoption agencies, we have connected all such agencies with breast milk banks.

Is this being done for vote politics? No.

In this way, we can list numerous schemes and initiatives that we have implemented!

What connection do all this have with vote politics? A vote is simply the mark of the people's trust! To earn that trust, we have the right policy, the right plans of action and the dedication to work!

The responsibility we have received through that trust is the opportunity to uplift even the last person in society by extending a helping hand! I want my hand to be that helping hand! That is exactly how it is! Since parents go to work, we provide breakfast to children.

Then came the thought that children without parents, and children of single parents too must be taken care of. It is on that foundation that this 'Anbu Karangal' scheme was created!

For this scheme, we instructed the District Collectors to identify the following categories of children:

– Those who have lost both parents,

– Those who lost one parent and were abandoned by the other,

– Those who lost one parent while the surviving parent is a differently- abled person with disability,

– Those who lost one parent while the surviving parent is in prison,

– Those who lost one parent while the surviving parent is living with life-threatening illnesses.

As the first phase, 6,082 such children have been identified. From now on, until they complete their school education, Rs. 2,000 will be deposited every month into their bank account!

This scholarship will be provided until they reach 18 years of age so that they can continue their education! After they complete schooling, appropriate steps will be taken to provide them with higher education in college as well as suitable skill-development training!

It is my wish—and our mission—that all of you study well and progress in life! The helping hand of our Dravidian Model Government that supports this mission is Anbu Karangal !

Tomorrow, the children should rise higher through education and become doctors, engineers, scientists, I.A.S., or I.P.S., officers, or leaders—serving this society and its people!

Their success must become the history of Tamil Nadu! To support them in that journey, to be their friend, to be their parent, I—Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin—am here, and will always be here!

Nandri! Vanakkam!

## Birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, on 15.09.2025, paid floral tribute to a portrait of Perarignar Anna placed near his statue on Anna Salai, Chennai, on the occasion of the 117th birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin,** was also present in the occasion.

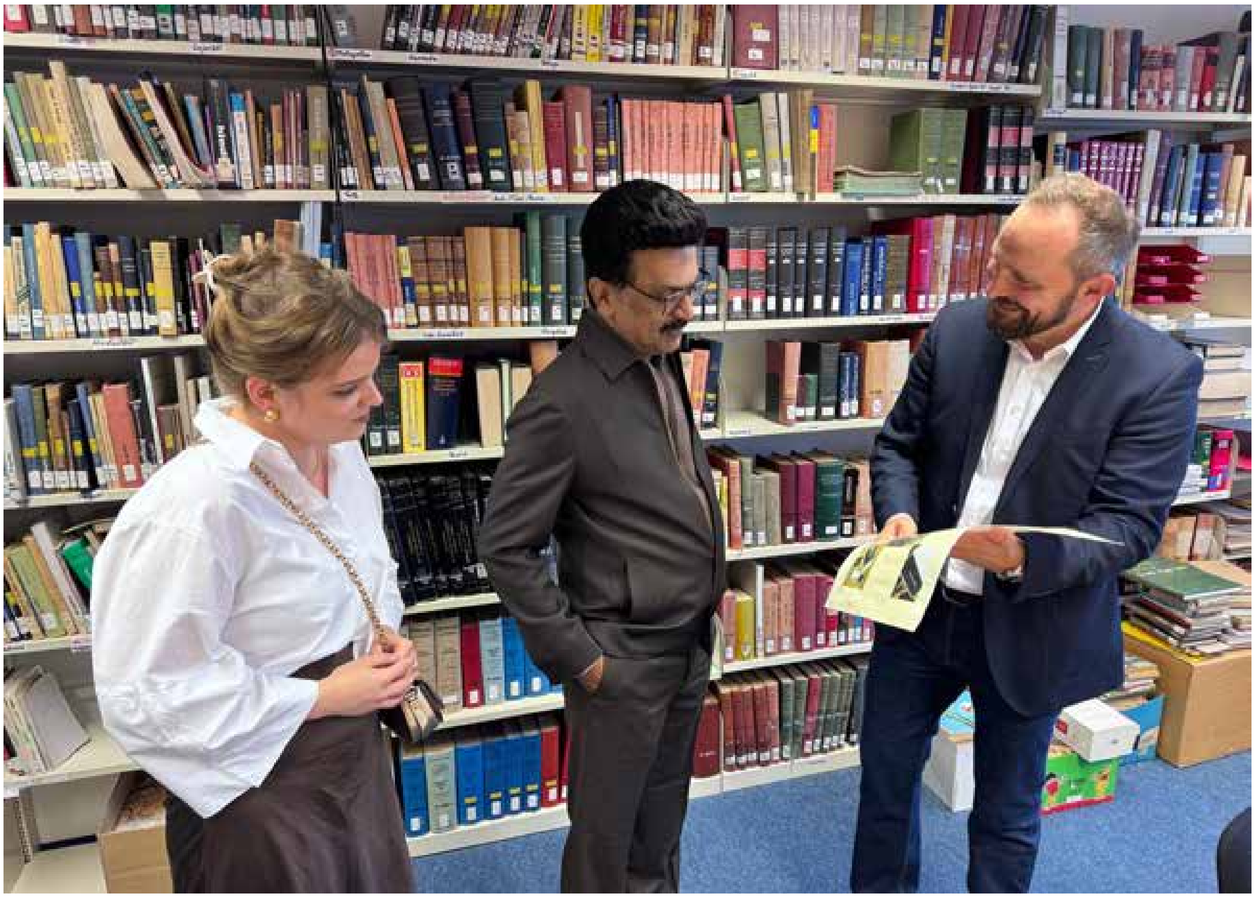
# MoUs with 26 companies in Germany Rs. 7,020 crore investment to generate 15,320 jobs

Memoranda of Understanding were signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at 'TN Rising Germany Investors Conclave'

The Tamil Nadu Investment Conclave in Germany, held as part of the TN Rising Europe investment drive led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin, witnessed the signing of 23 MoUs worth Rs. 3,819 crore. These agreements will generate 9,070 new jobs in Tamil Nadu.

With this, the overall investments signed in Germany during the Hon'ble Chief Minister's visit now total Rs. 7,020 crore across 26 MoUs, generating 15,320 jobs. This includes three important agreements inked earlier with Knorr-Bremse (Rs. 2000 crore; 3,500 jobs), Nordex Group (Rs. 1000 crore; 2,500 jobs), and ebm-papst (Rs. 201 crore; 250 jobs).

Importantly, many companies already operating in Tamil Nadu chose to reinvest and expand, underscoring their faith in the state's unmatched industrial ecosystem and the governance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin.



The conclave brought together global leaders in renewable energy, automotive components, industrial equipment, and advanced R&D. Major commitments included Vensys Energy (Rs. 1,068 crore; 5,238 jobs), BASF (Rs. 300 crore; 100 jobs), Bella Premier Happy Hygiene (Rs. 300 crore; 200 jobs), Herrenknecht India (Rs. 250 crore; 400 jobs), PULS (Rs. 200 crore; 500 jobs), Witzenmann India (Rs. 200 crore; 450 jobs), and MASH Energy (Rs. 200 crore; 200 jobs).

Bella Hygiene, a Poland-based multinational behind the Bella brand in sanitary and medical products, will expand its modern hygiene products manufacturing facility in Dindigul District.

Witzenmann Group, a German leader in flexible metal hoses and expansion joints for the auto industry, will expand production in Tamil Nadu for automotive and industrial applications.

BASF Environmental Catalyst and Metal Solutions (ECMS) will expand its Chengalpattu facility. The company focuses on catalysts, adsorbents, battery materials and precious metal solutions.

Vensys Energy AG, a German wind turbine manufacturer specialising in gearless direct drive technology, will set up a wind components facility in Tamil Nadu.

Herrenknecht, the global market leader in tunnel-boring machines, will expand its Chennai

facility. The company will support projects such as the Mumbai Coastal Road and Chennai Metro through its locally manufactured machines and components.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister also held discussions with senior BMW Group leaders, highlighting Tamil Nadu’s leadership in automotive and EV manufacturing and invited BMW to deepen its engagement. BMW reaffirmed its interest in Tamil Nadu, citing the state’s strong EV infrastructure.

Guidance Tamil Nadu further signed an MoU with Next Mittelstand (Ausbildung) to bring Germany’s dual vocational training model to Tamil Nadu. Starting with 120 students and scaling to 20,000 over the next decade, this programme will raise global skill standards among the state’s youth.

## Speech of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at the event

Greetings to all.

I feel proud to participate in this investors’ meeting on my first trip to Germany, as the democratically elected Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, a state within the great democratic nation of India. I stand before you with great joy.

I feel honoured to be here to attract investments, Germany which is one of the world's leading industrial powers and the backbone of Europe, with its strength in modern manufacturing, precision engineering, renewable energy and automotive technology.

If I were to tell you about Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu is the second-largest economy in India! It's the only state in India to have achieved the highest double-digit economic growth and manufacturing sector growth! It's the most urbanized state in India, with 48% urbanization! It's a state with the highest number of factories and employees! A German named Ziegenbalg came to Tamil Nadu in the 18th century, learned Tamil, and was the first person in India to translate and print the Bible in Tamil. He spoke of the greatness of the Tamil language.

Just like Germany, Tamil Nadu has a rich history and tradition. Tamil and German are among the world's oldest languages. Tamil has a great literary history and tradition. There are research reports indicating the use of iron in the Tamil land as early as 5,000 years ago! I invite all of you to start a business in such a state.

My admiration for Germany stems from its culture, technical expertise, and innovative strength, which I find truly astonishing. I've been captivated by your artistic sense, visible in every building and on every street. Beautiful landscapes and a vibrant culture—that's what Germany is all about.

Many German companies already operate in our state of Tamil Nadu. Fortune 500 companies like BMW, Daimler Mercedes-Benz, and Telekom have a strong presence here. Germany is the primary European country for India's business relations. Just as the world views 'Made in Germany' as a mark of quality, 'Made in Tamil Nadu' is also becoming a name associated with quality and skill. We produce everything from bicycles to battle tanks.

There are many economic similarities between Germany and Tamil Nadu. Just as Germany is a major industrial nation within the European Union, Tamil Nadu is the industrial heartbeat of the Indian Union. In

fact, you could say that Tamil Nadu is the Germany of India! The economic relationship between Tamil Nadu, with its leading higher education and research institutions, nearly 5.4 million MSMEs, and over 11,000 startups, and Germany can be further strengthened.

More than 60 German companies have chosen to establish their businesses in Tamil Nadu, including:

- Daimler and BMW in the automotive sector
- Schneider in the electrical manufacturing sector
- ZF and Siemens in the wind energy sector
- Bosch in the IT sector

I have come here to ask all of you to invest in Tamil Nadu to further strengthen this economic relationship.

I previously travelled to the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, the United States, and Spain to attract investments. We are continually attracting investments by holding various investment conferences both domestically and internationally.

It is notable that Germany served as a partner in the Global Investors Meet held in 2024. As a result of these determined efforts, major industrial companies have significantly increased their investments. The fact that more than 130 "Fortune 500" companies, including German firms, have established their

projects in Tamil Nadu is a testament to the excellent investment environment in the state.

Furthermore, Tamil Nadu is a leading state in India for the production and export of various goods, including automobiles (especially electric vehicles), electronic devices, leather goods, non-leather footwear, and textiles. We also lead in sectors such as information technology, renewable energy, and advanced medical services.

Therefore, I humbly request German investors to make your investments in sectors where you excel globally, such as robotics, capital goods, and innovation.

Today, Memoranda of Understanding have been signed for various projects.

When it comes to skill training for industrial growth, Germany stands as a global example. We are also placing a special focus on skill development. We are creating world-class certified skill development centers in collaboration with industries, and we are preparing our youth to be globally competent. Your training methods and techniques are a great source of encouragement for us.

What I want to emphasize here is that I have not come here merely for investments. I have come to build a bridge between the two economies of Germany and Tamil Nadu. By combining Germany's precision in industry and technology with Tamil Nadu's energy, we can create a new path of global growth and a strong trade bridge between Europe and Asia.

In the Ease of Doing Business rankings, Tamil Nadu is one of the leading states in India. Our Dravidian Model Government is committed to providing all facilities for the

projects undertaken by investors, making Tamil Nadu an excellent state for investments.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is ready to provide all assistance to investors who come to start businesses in Tamil Nadu. When you come to Tamil Nadu, you won't see a market for your business alone, you will also see partners who will stand with you and celebrate your success. We assure you of a favorable environment for various industries, a skilled workforce, and high incentives under various industrial policies. Therefore, I kindly request you once again to make your investments in Tamil Nadu, and with that, I take my leave.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

## Birth anniversary of Thanthai Periyar

## News in Picture

On the occasion of the 147th birth anniversary of Thanthai Periyar, on 17.09.2025, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru. P. K. Sekar Babu, along with Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S., Director of Information and Public Relations, Dr. R. Vaithinathan, I.A.S., and senior Government officials paid floral tribute to a portrait of Thanthai Periyar kept near his statue at Anna Salai, Chennai.

# MoUs Signed with three German Companies for Rs. 3,201 crore Investment, creating employment opportunities for 6,250 persons

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**.

With the vision of making Tamil Nadu a 1 trillion USD economy by 2030, the Government of Tamil Nadu, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, is actively taking initiatives to attract more investments and generate large-scale employment opportunities for the youth.

As part of this mission, the Hon'ble Chief Minister departed from Chennai on 30.08.2025 for an official tour to Germany and the United Kingdom.

Upon his arrival at Düsseldorf International Airport, Germany, the Hon'ble Chief Minister was warmly welcomed on behalf of Mr. Hendrik Wüst, Chief Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), by Ms. Anja De Wuest from the Protocol and Diplomatic Affairs Division of NRW, Mr. Abhishek Dubey, Charge d'Affairs of the Indian Consulate, and senior officials. People of the Tamil diaspora in Germany also gave him an enthusiastic reception.

On 31.08.2025, the Hon'ble Chief Minister addressed the grand "Maaperum Thamizh Kanavu – Tamil Diaspora Meet" held at Cologne, Germany.

Following this, today (01.09.2025) in Düsseldorf, MoUs were signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu with Knorr-Bremse, Nordex Group, and ebm-papst, bringing in investments worth Rs.3,201 crore and creating 6,250 jobs in Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also held a discussion with the BMW Group on its expansion plans in Tamil Nadu.

## MoU with Knorr-Bremse

Knorr-Bremse, headquartered in Munich, Germany, signed a MoU to invest Rs.2,000 crore in Kancheepuram and Chennai to set up a state-of-the-art facility for railway doors and braking systems. This project will create 3,500 jobs and strengthen Tamil Nadu's rapidly growing railway components and advanced engineering ecosystem.

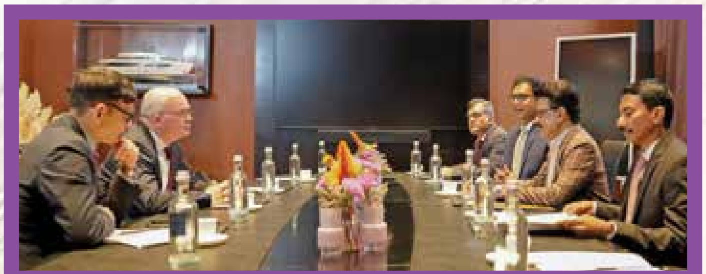
The MoU was signed by Mr. Marc Llistosella, CEO of Knorr-Bremse, and Mr. Oliver Kluck, Vice President.

## MoU with Nordex Group

Nordex Group, headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, is one of the world's largest wind turbine manufacturers. The company signed an MoU to expand its existing plant in Tiruvallur District with an investment of Rs. 1,000 crore, generating employment for 2,500 persons.

This expansion will reinforce Tamil Nadu's leadership in renewable energy and green industrialisation while catering to both domestic and global demand for wind turbines.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Luis Alberto Fernandez Romero, Chief Operating Officer of Nordex Group, and Dr. Saravanan Manickam, India Head.



## MoU with ebm-papst

The ebm-papst, headquartered in Mulfingen, Germany, is a global leader in electric motors and fans, known for its energy-efficient air movement solutions. The company serves HVAC, automotive, refrigeration, and industrial engineering sectors with its pioneering Electronically Commutated Motor technology.

The company signed an MoU to expand its Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Chennai and further invest Rs.201 crore over the next 5 years to scale up manufacturing in Tamil Nadu, creating 250 jobs.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Atul Tripathi, Managing Director, ebm-papst.

## Meeting with BMW Group

The Hon'ble Chief Minister held discussions with senior executives of BMW Group, headquartered in Munich, Germany, regarding opportunities for the company's future expansion in Tamil Nadu, especially in the electric vehicle segment. The meeting was attended by Mr. Thomas Becker, Global Head of Government Affairs at the BMW Group, and Mr. Vinod Pandey, Director – Government & External Affairs at BMW India.

## News in Picture

## Birth anniversary of Former Chief Minister of Madras Presidency Dr. P. Subbarayan

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. P. Subbarayan, former Chief Minister of the Madras Presidency, on 11.09.2025, floral tributes were paid on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru. P.K. Sekar Babu, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R. Priya, Secretary for Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. V. Rajaraman I.A.S., and senior Government officials paid floral tributes to the statue and portrait of Dr. P. Subbarayan at the Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy, Chennai.

# Rs. 7,500 crore investment by UK-based Hinduja Group to scale up Tamil Nadu's EV eco-system

During the ongoing TN Rising Europe investment drive led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. MK Stalin, the UK-Based Hinduja Group signed an MoU with the Government of Tamil Nadu to invest Rs. 7,500 crore in businesses involving cell and battery manufacturing for EV, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and EV charging stations, thus expanding the electric vehicle ecosystem and generating over 1,000 jobs.

Further, AstraZeneca announced its third strategic investment in Tamil Nadu in two years - a Rs. 176 crore expansion of its Global Innovation & Technology Center (GITC) in Chennai.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin secured a Rs. 7,500 crore Investment from the UK-based Hinduja Group, significantly scaling up Tamil Nadu's EV ecosystem

With this, the total investment secured by Tamil Nadu during the Hon'ble Chief Minister's UK and Germany visit totals to Rs. 15,516 crore, generating 17,613 jobs.

The MoU with the UK based Hinduja Group is the most significant commitment of the UK leg of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's visit. The group envisions investments through its various companies in Tamil Nadu's EV ecosystem, advancing Tamil Nadu's vision of becoming one among the global hotspots for sustainable mobility and battery technologies.

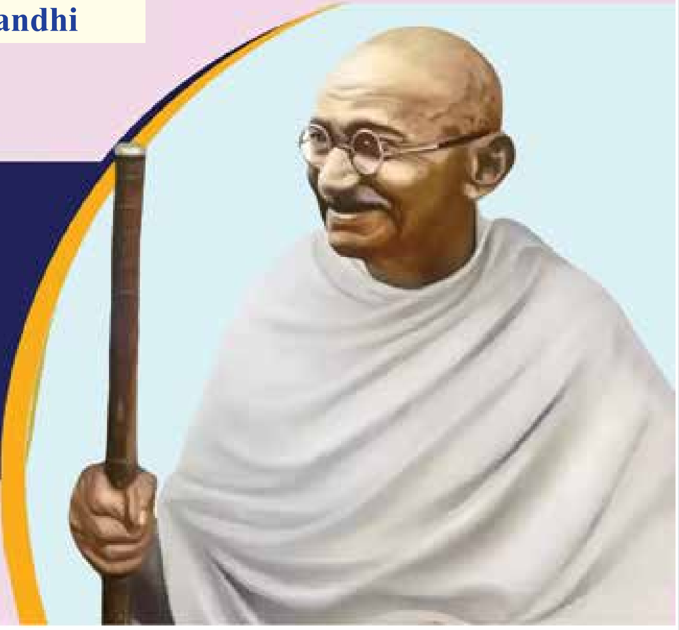
AstraZeneca's GITC plays a vital role in AstraZeneca's global operations, enabling cutting-edge research, AI-driven innovation, and technological transformation in healthcare delivery. With its third investment in Tamil Nadu in just two years, this signals strong confidence in the state's talent pool and our governance under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

These investments build on earlier announcements made during the Hon'ble Chief Minister's meetings in the UK, which secured Rs. 820 crore in MoUs generating 1,293 jobs across sectors such as GCCs, manufacturing, textile technology, and design education.

Prior to the UK leg, the Hon'ble Chief Minister's delegation secured Rs. 7,020 crore in investment commitments from Germany through 26 MoUs, which are expected to generate 15,320 jobs. These covered key sectors including aerospace, deep tech, railways, automotive and electronics.

**October 2: Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**

# India's Soul



It is not an exaggeration to call Gandhi Adigal, the embodiment of non-violence, truth and religious harmony as the soul of India.

Mahatma Gandhi is needed more in the present context than when he lived. On this date, let us vow to defeat the forces that are fuelling the fires of division by dividing the people and by reviving the brotherly India that the Father of the Nation desired.

*- Social Media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** - 02.10.2024*

# Hon'ble Chief Minister presents scholarships to undergraduate and PG Muslim students

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented educational scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate Muslim Students

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin launched on 16.09.2025 at the Secretariat, a new scheme on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, to provide scholarships to Muslim students who face economic barriers in pursuing higher education. As part of this initiative, he distributed educational scholarships to undergraduate and postgraduate students.

For the welfare of the Muslim community, the Government of Tamil Nadu, through the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, provides various financial assistance measures, including:

- ✶ A monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 for Ulemas (Islamic scholars), and a family pension to their heirs after their demise.
- ✶ A monthly honorarium of Rs. 20,000 to District Kazis working across Tamil Nadu.
- ✶ An annual educational scholarship of Rs. 1,000 to Muslim girl students studying in Classes 1 to 8 in Government and Government-aided schools.

Additionally, the Government provides grants for major repair and renovation of mosques, dargahs, and other waqf institutions. In the current financial year (2025–2026), Rs. 10 crore has been allocated to renovate 10 ancient waqf institutions, and Rs. 15 crore under the major renovation and repair grant scheme. A special fund of Rs. 3 crore has also been sanctioned to carry out minor repairs and renovation works in mosques, dargahs, and similar waqf institutions.

As part of this initiative, to support economically disadvantaged yet meritorious Muslim students in pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate education, scholarships of Rs. 10,000 each will be provided to 2,000 students through the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board. To mark the launch of this scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed scholarships to 10 students.

# “A Timeless Tribute to Sivaji Ganesan, the Icon of Indian Cinema”

Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan represented the best of theatre skills and friendship. I fondly remember and pay homage to this legendary actor, who, through his performances, lives eternally in the minds of the people as the very image of historical heroes.

*- Social Media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** – 01.10.2024*

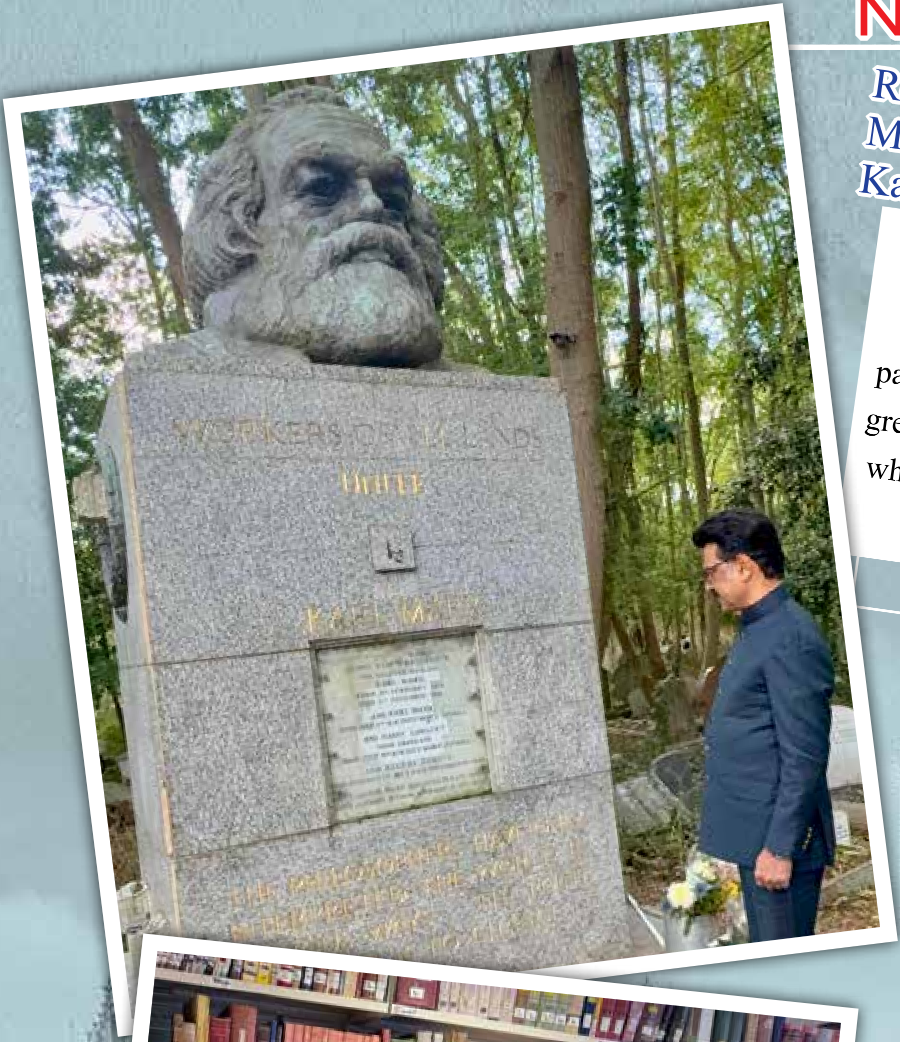
News in picture

# Sanitation worker honoured for her honesty

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin,** honoured sanitation worker Tmt. Clara, who handed over a gold chain found during cleaning duty to the police station, by presenting her with a shawl and a certificate of appreciation on 04.09.2025.

# News in Pictures

## Respectful Tribute at the Memorial of the Great Scholar Karl Marx




The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin paid homage at the memorial of the great scholar Karl Marx, the red sun who illuminated the working class.

## Hon'ble Chief Minister Visits German University Library

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin visited the library of the University of Cologne, Germany.

## Viewing a historic photograph at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's memorial in London

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin on 05.09.2025 in London, viewed a historic photograph of Thanthai Periyar and Babasaheb Annal Ambedkar in conversation, exhibited at the house in which Dr. B.R. Babasaheb Ambedkar stayed while studying at the London School of Economics.

## Unveiling a portrait of Thanthai Periyar, the Sun of Rationalism, at Oxford University

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin unveiled a portrait of Thanthai Periyar at the University of Oxford, England, on 04.09.2025.

# Germany, England voyage brings Rs. 15,516 crore investment to generate jobs for 17,613 people

Greetings to all.

I had undertaken a week-long trip to Germany and England. I have returned with great satisfaction. This visit has been a massive success.

In total, 33 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) have been signed, attracting investments worth Rs.15,516 crore, which are expected to generate 17,613 jobs. Ten new companies, placing their trust in Tamil Nadu, have come forward to start industries here. Six institutions of the higher education and small-scale industry sectors are joining hands with us for collaborative efforts. Seventeen existing companies have decided not to shift to other states, but instead to expand their operations within Tamil Nadu itself.

First, I extend my thanks to Industries Minister, Thambi T.R.B. Rajaa, who meticulously coordinated and executed this entire trip successfully. I also sincerely appreciate and congratulate the officials who supported him. Through this visit, Minister

Press interview of the
Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
**Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at Chennai Airport
on 08.09.2025, upon returning
from his official visit to Germany and
England on having attracted new industrial
investments to Tamil Nadu

Rajaa has proven himself to be a dynamic Industries Minister.

This journey stands as the culmination of all my foreign visits over the past four-and-a-half years. I am happy to share with you the information that this trip alone has attracted the highest volume of investments compared to any of my previous foreign visits. It was not just a successful trip-it but one that has made me proud. You yourselves would have seen it clearly.

Yes! The most memorable moment of pride came through  unveiling a portrait of Thanthai Periyar at the thousand-year-old, world-renowned Oxford University. Additionally, at the Self-Respect Movement centenary conference, I spoke in detail about the path we have travelled and the goals we must still achieve.

I also addressed gatherings of the Tamil diaspora, interacted with students of SOAS University about the Dravidian Model, and visited places of great significance such as the memorial of philosopher Karl Marx, the residence of legal luminary Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the statue of Thiruvalluvar, and the memorial of Tamil scholar G.U. Pope.

So, this visit was not just about attracting investments as a Chief Minister-it was personally unforgettable for  me as the ‘grandson’ of Periyar, as a leader of the Dravidian movement, and as a Tamilan with self-respect.

Some people cannot digest this. That is why they sarcastically ask, “Why go abroad for this? Isn’t it enough to meet companies here?” My answer to them is this: At the Investors’ Meet in Germany, when I highlighted the achievements of Tamil Nadu, many investors said, “Only now do we realize the immense potential of Tamil Nadu. Until now, it was another state that proudly projected its potential. From now on, surely more investors will turn towards Tamil Nadu.”

Later, I also met NRW Minister-President Mr. Hendrik Wüst in Germany, and he expressed the same views. This kind of direct engagement  and partnership are why I, as Chief Minister, went abroad myself. When the head of a state meets counterparts in other nations, the relationship goes beyond business-it strengthens into a lasting bond. That is exactly what happened in my meetings with Hendrik Wüst and UK Minister Ms. Catherine West.

To answer their next doubt: Yes, companies may already be present in Tamil Nadu, but that does not automatically mean they will launch their new projects here. It is only when I personally meet and persuade the top executives that they commit to bringing fresh investments into Tamil Nadu. That is why such visits are essential.

Moreover, it is important that I, as Chief Minister, personally explain to them Tamil Nadu’s strengths-its skilled workforce, infrastructure, transparent governance, and

policy incentives. Beyond the agreements already signed, these meetings have also assured us that many more investments will flow into Tamil Nadu.

For example: Today is the 8th of September. On the 11th, I will be in Hosur to inaugurate the automated lane facility and workers' hostel at the Delta Electronics plant (Worth Rs.2,000 crore) and to lay the foundation for new factories worth Rs.1,100 crore. Just like we did in Thoothukudi, we will also conduct an investors' meet in Hosur, where several thousands of crores of investments are expected.

Similarly, just like the one we successfully held in Thoothukudi, we are going to organize an investor conference in Hosur as well. Investments worth several thousand crores of rupees are expected to flow in there too. Our efforts — both through foreign visits and domestic trips — to attract business investments will never stop. They will continue… and continue…

October 30: Birth anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar

# A leader respectfully called 'Thevar Perunthagai'

- Perarignar Perunthagai Anna fondly called Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar as 'Thevar Thirumagan'.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar celebrated the centenary of Pasumpon Thevar Thirumaganar in 2007 as a grand state festival and added to his pride.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar did various works to Pasumpon village at a cost of Rs. 2.5 lakh on the occasion of the centenary of Pasumpon Thevar Thirumaganar.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar was pleased to name the Madurai-Andalpuram bridge as Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Thirumaganar Bridge.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, has constructed two permanent halls at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore at the memorial of Pasumpon Thevar Thirumaganar, to facilitate the public to pay their respects without any hassle.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister presides over signing of MoUs for projects at Hosur Investors Conclave

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, at the Investors Conference held on 11.09.2025 in Hosur on behalf of the Department of Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce, 53 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed for investments worth Rs. 23,303.15 crore, which will generate employment for 44,870 persons.

In addition, under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department, 39 MoUs were signed for investments worth Rs.1,003.85 crore, creating employment for 4,483 persons.

Totally, 92 MoUs were signed for investments amounting to Rs. 24,307 crore, providing employment to 49,353 persons.

Furthermore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched 3 completed projects with an investment of Rs.250 crore, creating employment for 1,100 persons, and laid the foundation stone for 4 new projects with an investment of Rs. 1,210 crore, which will generate employment for 7,900 persons.

Additionally, he also handed over appointment orders to candidates selected for various positions in four companies.

## Details of Key Projects Launched at the Investor Conference:

**Aspire Footwear Private Limited** - Aspire Footwear Private Limited, a subsidiary of the Aravind Group, has launched a non-leather footwear manufacturing project in the SIPCOT Katpadi Industrial Park in Vellore District with an investment of Rs. 350 crore, providing employment to 6,000 people.

**Zetwork Company** - Zetwork has announced a solar cell manufacturing project

with an investment of Rs. 5,000 crore, creating employment for 3,000 people. This project will strengthen the solar energy sector by encouraging its supply chain and increasing green energy exports.

DCX Systems Limited - In collaboration with IAI-ELTA Systems, DCX Systems is setting up a new manufacturing plant in Krishnagiri District. The project, with an investment of Rs. 850 crore, will create employment for 165 people in the production of advanced radar and electronic warfare systems for air force, navy, and army applications.

**International Aerospace Manufacturing Pvt Ltd. (IAMPL) -** IAMPL, which operates in the Hosur ELCOT Special Economic Zone, is expanding its aerospace and defense manufacturing facility with an investment of Rs. 200 crore. This expansion will provide employment to 69 people for precision equipment production.

## SIPCOT Future Mobility Park

SIPCOT has developed a Future Mobility Park with an investment of Rs. 210 crore spread over 300 acres. So far, land has been allocated to 22 companies, and with an additional Rs. 2,728 crore investment employment will be created for 6,682 people. This Future Mobility Park was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

## Summary of MOUs Signed

### Department of Industries, Investment Promotion, and Commerce

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## Details of the Inaugurated Completed Projects

| S. No. | Name of the Company | Location | Investment (Rs. Crore) | Employment | Sector |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kaynes Circuits | Pochampalli | 200 | 300 | Electronics |
| 2 | SIPCOT – Shoolagiri Future Mobility Park | Shoolagiri | – | – | Industrial Park |
| 3 | SNS Clothing (Gokaldas Exports) | Ambur | 50 | 800 | Non-leather Footwear |

## Details of the Projects for Which Foundation Stones Were Laid

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation stone for 4 new projects with an investment of Rs1,210 crore, creating employment for 7,900 persons.

| S. No. | Name of the Company | Location | Investment (Rs. Crore) | Employment | Sector |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kauvery Hospitals | Hosur | 500 | 1,500 | Hospital |
| 2 | RICO | Shoolagiri | 260 | 200 | Motor and Electric Vehicle Components |
| 3 | Aspire Footwear | Katpadi | 350 | 6,000 | Non-leather Footwear |
| 4 | Versatile Bonds | Panapakkam | 100 | 200 | Footwear Adhesives |

## Distribution of Appointment Orders

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented appointment orders to candidates selected for various positions in four industrial companies — TEPL, Kaynes, Mando, and First Steps Babywear.

## Launch of the Tamil Nadu Innovation Platform

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also launched the Tamil Nadu Innovation Platform, established jointly by the Guidance Bureau and YNOS Venture Engine. This initiative aims to consolidate District-wise data on startups, incubators, and investors across the State.

## Speech delivered by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin at the event

My warm greetings to all of you.

I am very happy to meet you all through this investor conference in three days after returning to Tamil Nadu with an investment of Rs. 15,516 crores after completing my European tour of Germany and London! That means that during my trip, an investment of Rs. 15,516 crores, today investments of Rs. 24,000 crores have been signed here! We are beating our record!

Not only that, I have laid the foundation stone for 4 projects with an investment of Rs. 1,210 crores that can provide employment to 8,000 people.

Hosur – A city where talent and innovation meet! Hosur is a city that has a unique identity in the industrial map of Tamil Nadu! The face of development! Hosur shines as a city that is attracting attention worldwide, transcending India. Accepting our invitation to participate in the development journey of Tamil Nadu in Hosur, the Minister of Industries welcomed all the investors who have come to this conference, but I also welcome you with a warm welcome... Welcome...

If Tamil Nadu is moving so fast in the industry, the main reason for that is the vibrant and young Minister, Honorable Minister of Industries Thambi T.R.B.Rajaa. Last month, I inaugurated the Winfast company in Thoothukudi and attended the investor conference. Today, I will attend this conference in Hosur and in the evening, inaugurate the New Delta Smart Manufacturing Line of Delta Electronics and address there.

I have given Target for the next few months as well. It is not only the speed of the Minister and the Industries Department officials – it is also the interest of you, the investors, that has made me come here. As soon as I came to power – the Goal we set is one trillion US dollar

economy growth by 2030! If we want to achieve economic growth in the state, industrial growth is the basis for it! That is why we are creating the infrastructure for it in a very good way and improving it further and further, thereby strengthening the business environment! That is why Tamil Nadu's economic growth has reached 11.19 percent, which is unprecedented in India.

To further enhance this growth, we are continuously holding investor conferences and meetings with investors. After the Dravidian model Government was formed, investors came to know about Tamil Nadu and became interested. Every time I meet the Minister for Industries and officials, I say the same thing…

That is, All MoUs should be implemented. Focus on that conversion! I would say that the process should be expedited within our Government.

I am happy to tell you… 77 percent of the MoUs signed since we came to power have been implemented! Our goal is to create jobs for the youth and women of Tamil Nadu and improve their economic condition! That is what we are doing.

In the past 4 years, Hosur has been witnessing a huge industrial progress and development like never before. We have brought many new industries in Krishnagiri District including Hosur in these four years. Hosur, which was once called a "small industrial town", has today emerged as a 'Favourite Destination' for many companies.

If I have to say what the Government of Tamil Nadu has done for this Krishnagiri District and Hosur,

**First of all** - In this Krishnagiri District alone, there are nearly 1 lakh M.S.M.E. companies operating. One of the most important things we have done for the industrial development of Hosur is the SIPCOT Industrial Park. 371 factories are operating in Hosur SIPCOT, which is spread over an area of 2,092 acres. More than 2 lakh workers have been employed.

**Second** – In this industrial park, which is set up with excellent infrastructure, work is underway to set up a T.T.R.O. water purification plant to provide uninterrupted water supply.

**Third** – SIPCOT has set up FORT incubators. This incubator works with the aim of accelerating industrial transformation.

**Fourth** – An industrial park covering an area of 689 acres in the Sholagiri area.

**Fifth** – An industrial park with a special economic zone covering an area of 1,379 acres in Bargur.

**Sixth** – 150 acres in Guruparapalli Industrial Parks are being set up by SIPCOT.

**Next, seventh** – Future Mobility Park, which opened today! This park, which is spread over an area of 300 acres and is worth Rs. 210 crore, has so far allotted land to 22 companies. A committed investment of Rs. 2,728 crore has been received. 6,682 people are expected to be employed.

**Eighth** – In Nagamangalam village, Tenkanikottai Taluk, Tata Electronics is constructing a 64-acre worker housing complex through a company called Vidiyal Residency Private Limited to house its employees. The first phase has been completed and is in use to accommodate 6,000 people. Through this, the safety and comfort of working women have been ensured. This will also significantly increase the number of working women.

**Next, Ninth** – We are going to create the Hosur 'Knowledge Corridor' to make Hosur a hub for G.C.C.s, I.T. companies, educational institutions and high-quality research centers. We are going to implement this knowledge corridor project on both sides of the Krishnagiri–Bagalur bypass, outer ring road and satellite town ring road north. Through this, the knowledge economy will increase significantly and the social and economic development of this District will improve significantly.

**Tenth** – Tidal Park is being established in Hosur, on 5 lakh square feet, at an estimated cost of Rs. 400 crore. In this world-class I.T. Park, I.T. companies, GCCs, start-ups will be attracted and employment will be created for about 6 thousand youth.

**Eleventh** – For all these, we are giving importance to the development of Hosur Airport. I had already announced that an international airport with world-class state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities will be built on about 2 thousand acres in Hosur. To set up this new airport, a suitable land area around Hosur has been identified and TIDCO is taking steps to acquire it. This international airport will take Hosur on another new path of development.

Now, it is not just the eleven that I have listed. There are many more industries, and we are doing so much work for Krishnagiri and for Hosur. That is why Hosur has developed into a

city that challenges other states today. We are providing a strong platform for aspiring youth and women who are confident in their progress. Factories are constantly flocking to Hosur!

Hosur is also the capital of e-scooter manufacturing! As a result, this conference will open the doors to the next level of growth for Hosur! I will continue to monitor it. The name Stalin means 'Man of Steel'! I say it with conviction. I will succeed in my goals with determination like steel! You have come to invest in our Government with confidence, we are waiting to provide the co-operation you need. We will provide it. If you travel together with Tamil Nadu, success is certain!

So always make your investments in our Tamil Nadu! I said in the last conference too… Tamil Nadu is not only Rising. I said Tamil Nadu will keep on Rising. I want to make an announcement from this special platform where tomorrow's Tamil Nadu has revealed itself to the world as a good example of development.

On behalf of the MSME sector, the Tamil Nadu Innovation and Entrepreneurship Movement is organizing a Global Innovation Summit in Coimbatore on October 9th and 10th. This summit will be a historic event that will bring together entrepreneurs, investors, incubators, and innovators from all over the world.

This summit will showcase Tamil Nadu's growth in the start-up sector to the world!

I look forward to welcoming you all to that event. Tamil Nadu's progress is certain! Your contribution is essential for the progress of Tamil Nadu! I bid you farewell by saying.

Nandri, Vanakkam!

## Birth anniversary of S.S. Ramasamy Padayatchiyar

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** paid floral tributes to a portrait of freedom fighter and former Minister S.S. Ramasamy Padayatchiyar, kept near his statue in Guindy, Chennai, on his 108th birth anniversary on 16.09.2025.

# Golden Jubilee felicitation ceremony of Symphony Maestro

**I**saignani Ilaiyaraaja, fondly hailed as "Anbumilira Isaignani" by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, has composed music for over 8,500 songs across more than 1,500 films, in multiple languages including Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi.

Having commenced his illustrious musical journey in 1975, Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja completes 50 remarkable years in the film industry this year. His unparalleled contribution includes reaching the pinnacle of Western classical symphonic music, a feat that remains a milestone in Indian music history.

To commemorate this momentous golden jubilee, the Government of Tamil Nadu organized a grand felicitation ceremony at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, on 13th September 2025.

The celebration began with a melodious musical performance, followed by a captivating symphonic concert featuring compositions by the Maestro himself.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** participated in the 'Golden Jubilee Felicitation Ceremony of Symphony Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja - 50 Years of Musical Excellence' held at the Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, on 13.09.2025.

The event began with a melodious program, followed by a symphonic music program by Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja. At this event, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin delivered the welcome address. Ulaga Nayagan Thiru. Kamal Haasan, MP, and Superstar Thiru. Rajinikanth also delivered the felicitation address. In conclusion, Thiru. Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja, MP, delivered the acceptance speech. The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, delivered the vote of thanks.

**Speech delivered by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin at the event**

My warm greetings to all of you.

Raja… Rajadhi Rajan Indha Raja… Netru illai, Naalai illai, Eppavum Nee Raja…!"

We have all gathered here today to appreciate and celebrate this Great Person hailing from Theni who gives the sweetness of music to the entire world!

Our Isaignani (musical genius) does not belong only to the Mother of the Arts; he belongs to Mother Tamil as well! That is why, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, we are organizing this felicitation ceremony — a celebration in his honour!

Are praise and accolades new to Raja? Not at all… I say this with certainty — by praising Ilaiyaraaja, it is we who feel proud and honoured!

It has been fifty years since Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja began his journey in the world of cinema. To put it more directly, it has been half a century since he began to rule our hearts!

On behalf of the entire people of Tamil Nadu, I extend my greetings to Ilaiyaraaja — the Tamilian who has reached the peak of symphony, and who now celebrates his Golden Jubilee in cinema!

This man, who set out from Pannaipuram, stands as a living example to all humanity that with talent and hard work, any height can be achieved.

In this half-century, there cannot be lips in Tamil Nadu that have not hummed Raja's songs!

There cannot be hearts that have not carried his music within, or matched his songs to their own joys and sorrows.

The music of Ilaiyaraaja — lulls us like a mother, cherishes the emotions of love, inspires us on our journeys of success, and soothes our pains.

To speak the truth — he is not merely Ilaiyaraaja… he is an incomparable Raja!

If there is a king, he usually has a land, subjects, and boundaries.

But this Raja transcends languages, transcends nations, transcends boundaries — he belongs to all people!

The music of Ilaiyaraaja, which goes beyond cinema, expresses his genius, his reach, his power, his depth, and his greatness!

At this moment, I would like to recall a few lines someone wrote on social media about Isaignani

"If only Ilaiyaraaja had composed music for them, even the Thirukkural, Natrinai, Purananuru, Kurunthogai, Ainkurunooru, Pathitrupathu, Paripadal, and Silappathikaram would have become memorized verses for us!"

Isaignani, I too place before you the same request — not merely as a Chief Minister, but as a lover of Tamil:

Please compose music for Sangam Tamil and Tamil classical literature, and release a few albums. Usually, people place requests before the Chief Minister. But today, as Chief Minister, on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, on behalf of Tamils everywhere, I place this request before you.

You, who carry both musical mastery and Tamil scholarship, must fulfill this duty! Through you — who already reign in the hearts of Tamils, seated on a throne there — and through your music, the taste of Tamil must be carried forward to future generations.

Because, as the saying goes: "Raajaa kaiya vechaa.. Adhu wrongaa poanadhillae…"

It is with that faith I place this request before you!

To Ilaiyaraaja, who rules our hearts through his music — though he has been adorned with countless crowns of glory, garlands of praise, and titles such as Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan, the one title that truly belongs to him, that matches his genius, and that travels with him forever, is the title 'Isaignani' bestowed upon him by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. That was not just a title — it has become his very name!

The respect that Isaignani showed towards Kalaignar, who took pride in his greatness, and Isaignani respect for Kalaignar is like none other in history.

In history, many great men may share the same birthday. But no one has ever changed their own birthday for the sake of another! Yet, Ilaiyaraaja did so — he changed his birthday to June 2, in honour of leader Kalaignar.

In that way too, Isaignani stands tall as a Raja in heart and spirit. The bond between Kalaignar and Ilaiyaraaja was exalted both by Tamil and by music!

On a personal note, one unforgettable moment for me was when Ilaiyaraaja graciously participated in my daughter Senthamarai's dance arangetram and blessed her. With that same affection, when I heard the news that he was going to perform a symphony in London, I was the very first to go to his house to convey my appreciation and best wishes!

In return, when he triumphantly completed that symphonic achievement, Raja himself

came to my house, overjoyed, and met me! For that love, I remain forever bound and indebted.

And it is with that love I say this: this is not merely a felicitation ceremony for Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja  it is also a gathering where we all express our gratitude to you!

At such a special celebration as this, how could I refrain from making an announcement?

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, I am happy to declare that from now on, every year, an award will be instituted in the name of "Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja" to encourage musicians who create excellent music with passion.

Not just an announcement — I also wish to place a request.

For a genius like Ilaiyaraaja, no crown of glory is too great. But it is my heartfelt desire — and on this stage, on behalf of all of you, on behalf not only of the people of Tamil Nadu but also of Raja's countless admirers around the world — to declare that he must be honoured with India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna. I firmly believe this will indeed come true.

I convey my appreciation and congratulations to our Hon'ble Minister Thiru. M.P. Saminathan and to all the officers of the Department of Information and Public Relations, who have so excellently organized and successfully conducted this event.

My gratitude also goes to my dear friend and respected Superstar Rajinikanth, to distinguished Kalaignani Thiru. Kamal Haasan, to all the friends from the film industry, to the leaders of allied parties, and finally, to the millions of fans who are not only here in this hall but also watching and rejoicing through television.

To express the feelings of everyone here, who have been enthralled by the Maestro's music, let me borrow the very lines of his own song:

"Why is there so much joy today? My heart dances with happiness!"

Isaignani, on behalf of the Tamil people, I wish that your journey must continue for many, many more years! It must continue!

Long live Ilaiyaraaja! Long live Isai Raja!

Nandri!  Vanakkam!

## Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin at the event

It gives me immense happiness and pride to deliver the welcome address, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, at this grand felicitation ceremony organized for the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja Sir, who has completed 50 years in the music field.

I extend my respects and gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who has given me this opportunity.

Tamil Nadu has many identities. Among them, one of the greatest, indestructible identities we have with us today is Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja Sir and his music.

Our Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja has always had unceasing love for Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar and for our Hon'ble Chief Minister.

It was as a fan of Ilaiyaraaja's music that Kalaignar, in 1988, conferred the title 'Isaignani' (Maestro of Music) upon him.

Kalaignar himself wrote a few years ago about this, stating:

"In the year 1988, at a function, without anyone telling me, without any prior plan, only because of the love welling up in my heart, I joyfully conferred the title 'Isaignani' upon Ilaiyaraaja."

Today, we are celebrating this with a felicitation ceremony for such a Isaignani, Ilaiyaraaja.

Though all of us are born from different mothers, it is only our Ilaiyaraaja who remains the Music Mother who has sung lullabies to all of us.

Without his songs, no child has a lullaby; without his songs, youth has no exuberance; without his songs, we have no love.

From the fields to the tea shops, from festivals to weddings, from autos to buses—everywhere, the one and only Isaignani who fills all spaces is our Ilaiyaraaja. More than a music composer, he is called a music doctor, for he is the Best Stress Reliever and Companion for all.

Recently, I read something on social media that I wish to share here. Normally, all of us measure distance in metres, kilometres, or miles. But only Ilaiyaraaja's fans say: Chennai to Viluppuram is 25 Ilaiyaraaja songs long.

Such is the way he has become the companion of every journey, every life's journey. From my childhood, like crores of Tamils, I too have grown up with his music.

Whether in travels, in solitude, during family time, or during workouts, Ilaiyaraaja's songs have always been in my playlist, just as they are in yours.

It is only our Maestro who, through the title card "Music – Isaignani Ilaiyaraaja," has given so many successful films to Tamil Nadu.

Ilaiyaraaja Sir's first film as a composer was Annakili in 1976—a time when I was not even born. That musical journey, which began then, continues to unfold in so many dimensions even today.

In particular, he has performed the most complex form of music, Symphony, in London, and at the age of 82, he continues to create new achievements every day.

He is a true example for us all of how one must remain energetic, disciplined, and at the same time creative.

Many of you may have felt regret that you could not listen in person to the Symphony performed by Maestro in London. I too have shared that same regret until today. That longing has now been fulfilled for all of us by our Hon'ble Chief Minister and our Government. And today, along with this grand felicitation ceremony, the Symphony music festival too

has been organized. For this I thank the music maestro Ilaiyaraaja.

I extend a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who has presided over this glorious function.

I extend a warm welcome to the hero of this event, Hon'ble Member of Parliament Maestro Ilaiyaraaja.

I extend a warm welcome to Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Ulaganayagan Kamal Haasan.

I extend a warm welcome to our Super Star Rajinikanth Sir, who has graced this special event.

I extend a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court.

I extend a warm welcome to Hon'ble Minister brother M. P. Saminathan, who will deliver the Vote of Thanks, and to Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, Thiru. Durai Murugan Mama, and all the Hon'ble Ministers who have attended, leaders of our allied parties, Hon'ble Members of Parliament and the Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Mayor, and representatives of all local bodies.

I extend a warm welcome to all members of Ilaiyaraaja Sir's family.

I extend a warm welcome to Chief Secretary Thiru. N. Muruganandam, I.A.S., to the Chief Minister's Secretary Thiru. M.S. Shanmugam, I.A.S., to the Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S, and to the Director of Information and Public Relations Department Dr. R. Vaithinathan, along with all Government officials and police officers.

I extend a warm welcome to all friends and dignitaries from the film industry and music world.

I extend a warm welcome to The Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra to this historic event. Welcome to Chennai.

I extend a warm welcome to all of Ilaiyaraaja's fans who have come from all over the world, as one among you.

I extend a warm welcome to journalist friends and all fans who have gathered here, and I thank you for this opportunity.

Nandri! Vanakkam.

# Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar statue unveiled at Gandhi Mandapam campus, Guindy

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin, on 19.09.2025, unveiled the newly installed statue of the freedom fighter, Veeramangai Rani Velu Nachiyar, at the Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy, Chennai, established at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh by the Department of Information and Public Relations.

Born in 1730 as the daughter of King Sellamuthu Vijayaraghunatha Sethupathi and Queen Muthathal Nachiyar, Rani Velu Nachiyar mastered several martial arts in her childhood, including sword fighting, archery, spear throwing and horse riding. In 1746, she married Muthu Vaduganatha Thevar, the ruler of Sivaganga and became the Queen of the Sivaganga kingdom. In 1772, when the British attacked Sivaganga, her husband fought bravely but was martyred due to betrayal.

Later, with the support of Mysore ruler Hyder Ali, Tipu Sultan, and Gopal Nayakkar of Dindigul, Rani Velu Nachiyar fought against the British, defeated them, and regained the Sivaganga kingdom in 1780. She then ruled the kingdom efficiently for 16 years. Known as the "First Woman Freedom Fighter of India", she passed away on 25.12.1796, earning eternal fame.

To honor her valour and to inspire future generations, it was announced in the 2024-2025 budget demand for the Department of Information and Public Relations that a statue of Rani Velu Nachiyar would be installed at the Gandhi Mandapam campus in Guindy, Chennai.

Accordingly, on 19.09.2025 the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu unveiled the newly installed statue of Rani Velu Nachiyar, erected at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh, by the Government of Tamil Nadu, at the Gandhi Mandapam campus, Guindy, Chennai. He also paid floral tributes to the decorated portrait of Rani Velu Nachiyar placed near the statue.

# "The Police Training School at Vellore will be named after Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar"

Social media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** - 19.09.2025

From the time our Dravidian Model Government assumed office, we have considered it our foremost duty to honour the memory of freedom fighters. We have been celebrating her glory in many ways — through a musical dance drama portraying her life history, and by featuring the statue of Rani Velu Nachiyar on Tamil Nadu's tableau at the 2023 Republic Day Parade in Delhi.

In continuation of these efforts, today, I unveiled at the Gandhi Mandapam campus, Guindy, the statue of Veeramangai Rani Velu Nachiyar — the first woman warrior who fought against the British for India's freedom and won.

On this joyous occasion, I take great pride in announcing that the Police Training School at Vellore will be named after Veeramangai Rani Velu Nachiyar.

The history of Veerathai (brave mother) Velu Nachiyar, who rose like a storm to protect the land and its honour, along with the heroic Marudhu brothers and other valiant Tamils who supported her, loudly proclaims that this land shall never bow its head to anyone!

Let us Know

## Additional facility for obtaining immediate building permission for residential buildings

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin, on 22.07.2024, at the Secretariat, launched for the first time in Tamil Nadu an integrated new scheme on behalf of the Urban Planning Mission under the Housing and Urban Development Department. Under this scheme, economically weaker sections and middle-income groups can obtain building permissions immediately through a single-window system for residential buildings up to 7 metres in height (Ground floor + 1 floor) with a plinth and ground floor area of up to 3,500 square feet on a maximum site area of 2,500 square feet, based on self-certification through an online portal. Over one lakh people have benefited from this scheme so far.
- Seeing the popular reception of this scheme, the 2025-2026 Budget announced an additional facility to make it more beneficial. From 03.09.2025, under this scheme, registrations and immediate building permissions will also be available for residential buildings up to 10 metres in height (Stilt + 2 Floors), with the plinth and ground floor areas specifically designed to address parking challenges.

Memorandum of Understanding signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin**

# Global training for Tamil Nadu students through MoU with Bahrain's Ahlia University

In the presence of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, on 13.09.2025 at the Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam during the International Tamil Engineers Forum event, several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed. These included an MoU between the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation and Ahlia University, Bahrain, under the Naan Mudhalvan SCOUT Scheme, to provide global-level training opportunities for students from Tamil Nadu. Additionally, MoUs were signed in collaboration with the International Tamil Engineers Forum to provide state-level multi-skill training programs.

### Address delivered by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the event:

It gives me great joy and pride to participate in the International Forum for Tamil Engineers' Conference and to meet you all. I have attended many political conferences, but this is the first time I've been given an opportunity to take part in an

engineers' conference. I thank the Forum for that.

For the past two days, this conference has been running successfully with technical sessions, exhibitions, and other useful events. Today, several MoUs have also been signed. Engineers are known for their perfection in everything they do, and Tamil engineers, in particular, have a proud history of building great structures and dams even 1,000 years ago.

Wherever we go across the world today, we see Tamil engineers holding top positions in leading organisations. This Forum alone has more than 5,000 members from over 20 countries, which is truly remarkable.

Recently, when our Hon'ble Chief Minister visited Germany and the UK to attract investments, many of you welcomed him warmly. With your love and support, the Chief Minister was able to bring in investments worth Rs. 15,000 crore and secure jobs for 18,000 youth. While Government initiatives were crucial, your support abroad played an equally important role.

Though we meet often overseas, today this event has given us the chance to meet here in Tamil Nadu itself. Engineers are multi-talented specialists who contribute across every sector. Tamil Nadu has lakhs of engineers worldwide, and the credit for sowing this seed goes to Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar. He not only established numerous engineering colleges across the state but also abolished entrance exams for engineering admissions. He ensured that first-generation students from poor families could study engineering at Government expense. Thanks to him, Tamil Nadu produces the largest number of engineering graduates in India every year.

Beyond colleges, his initiatives like Tidel Park, IT corridors, and the Automobile hub have created jobs for graduates. Many of you began your careers in Madurai or Chennai and then went abroad on on-site opportunities. Your success stories have inspired many others, and I have watched several of them shared under 'Dravidathaal Vaazhndhom' (We prospered because of the Dravidian Movement). Today, we are issuing appointment orders to 3,000 candidates and signing MoUs to provide training-cum-employment opportunities for another 6,000 youth. In addition, our Chief Minister has launched a scheme to cover all education and tuition expenses for Government school students pursuing higher studies abroad. Under the Naan Mudhalvan SCOUT initiative, 100 students are selected each year for overseas internship training and job placements. I urge you all to guide these young achievers. I convey my wishes for them.

Therefore, all of you should guide such students towards success. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister assumed office with a deep commitment to the welfare of overseas Tamils. He established a separate ministry dedicated to the well-being of Tamils living

in neighbouring countries. Moreover, our Chief Minister launched the "Vergalai Thedi" program to help those of Tamil descent—especially those who have been living abroad for two or three generations—reconnect with and understand the rich culture and traditions of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil engineers, I urge you to continue sharing your ideas and extending your support to our government. I also request you to guide and support our Tamil students who come to the countries where you work, helping to brighten their lives and futures. I am confident that you will do so with commitment and compassion.

Even if you live in foreign countries, Tamil Nadu, the Government of Tamil Nadu, and the Tamil people will never forget you. Strive to create hundreds more engineers like yourselves, and nurture them to become successful entrepreneurs. Our government will always stand by you and support your efforts.

May Tamil Nadu and the global Tamil community continue to prosper. May all the initiatives of the International Tamil Engineers Forum achieve great success. I conclude by expressing my heartfelt thanks for this opportunity.

Nandri, Vanakkam!

News in Picture

## Death anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

On the occasion of death anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M. P. Saminathan, Greater Chennai Corporation Mayor, Tmt. R. Priya, Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S., President of VGP World Tamil Sangam, Dr. V. G. Santhosham, Chairman of Tamil Nadu Palm Tree Workers Welfare Board, Thiru. Ernavur A. Narayanan, and senior Government officials paid floral tribute to the portrait of Mahakavi Bharathiyar kept near his statue on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 11.09.2025.

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# Special scheme to encourage agri entrepreneurs and companies

- ✶ A special scheme will be implemented to encourage agri entrepreneurs and companies to start value addition and processing of agricultural products.
- ✶ For new value addition projects up to Rs.10 crore, 25% subsidy will be provided as investment subsidy and for women entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship in backward areas (as per the schedule of the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), additional 10% subsidy will be provided to SCs and STs for a total of 35% subsidy up to a maximum of Rs. 1.50 crore. Apart from this, 5% interest subsidy will be given to all categories for 5 years.
- ✶ The industries to be selected under this scheme must be secondary or tertiary processing projects of various kinds of agricultural and horticultural produce such as tomato, chilli, turmeric, banana, moringa, mango, jasmine, millets, etc.
- ✶ These include tomato paste, tomato ketchup, tomato powder, tomato jam, mango pulp, maize mango jam, mango powder, yellow turmeric oleoresin, turmeric leaf oil, banana starch powder, banana chips, moringa leaf powder, moringa seed oil, chilli powder, chilli sauce, chilli oil, chilli oleoresin, chilli pellets flakes, jasmine perfumes, millet sathumaavu, millet snacks, millet kanji varieties, among other things. The beneficiary's contribution to the project cost should be at least five percent and the remaining amount should be obtained as a bank loan.
- ✶ Agricultural entrepreneurs interested in benefiting from this scheme must prepare a detailed project report and after obtaining loan approval from the bank, their applications for subsidy will be evaluated by the District Technical Committee and the State-Level Project Approval Committee. The selected entrepreneurs will be provided with a maximum grant of Rs. 1.50 crore and interest subsidy of 5% for 5 years, as per their business plan.
- ✶ The subsidy amount will be released in two instalments i.e. 60% subsidy in the first instalment and 40% subsidy in the second instalment directly to the bank accounts of the agri-entrepreneurs.
- ✶ Beneficiaries who have already availed themselves of financial assistance for value addition of agricultural produce and processing industries under Union and State Government schemes are also eligible for the scheme.

- ✶ These beneficiaries will be provided with the remaining amount of subsidy from the maximum subsidy amount of this scheme, minus the subsidy amount already received under any other scheme.
- ✶ All entrepreneurs who are interested in becoming economically prosperous by selling in the domestic and foreign markets, quality products through value addition and processing of agricultural produce through various technologies should take advantage of this great opportunity.

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## Birth anniversary of Kappalottiya Tamizhan V. O. Chidambaranar

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin**, on 05.09.2025, on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department, paid floral tribute to a portrait of 'Kappalottiya Tamizhan' V. O. Chidambaranar kept near his statue at Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy, Chennai, on the occasion of the freedom fighter's 154th birth anniversary. The event was attended by Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P.Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Thiru. P.K. Sekar Babu, Hon'ble Minister for School Education Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R.Priya, Deputy Mayor Thiru. Mahesh Kumar, Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. V.Rajaraman I.A.S., Director of Information and Public Relations Dr. R.Vaithinathan, I.A.S., and senior Government officials.

# Great schemes praised by the people

## Then...

**Free Land Distribution Scheme**

To empower the people of Tamil Nadu and ensure their welfare, and to support farmers, workers, and the labour class, the Government of Tamil Nadu, with the aim of providing free land to the families of poor agricultural labourers, launched a historic scheme — the 'Free Land Distribution Scheme for Poor and Marginal Farming Families'. Under this scheme, a total of 26,321 acres of land were distributed to 24,949 poor agricultural families across Tamil Nadu. This landmark initiative was launched by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in Tiruvarur on 17.09.2006.

## Now...

**'Ungaludan Stalin'**

The Government of Tamil Nadu launched a new scheme called 'Ungaludan Stalin', under which services and schemes of various Government Departments that cater to over ten crore people in Tamil Nadu are delivered directly to their homes. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated this scheme on 15.07.2025 at Chidambaram, Cuddalore District. Under this scheme, special camps have been conducted providing, 43 services of 13 Government Departments in urban areas, and 46 services of 15 Government Departments in rural areas.

# Bank loans worth Rs. 5,302 crore given to 63,014 under self-employment schemes

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu wrote a letter to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry on 08.09.2022 stressing the demand of match manufacturers and banning the import of lighters. Due to continuous pressure from the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Union Government banned the import of Pocket Lighters Gas Fuel &Non-refillable below Rs. 20 on 29.06.2023. However, lighters were illegally brought into India as spare parts from other countries, fitted as lighters, were resold. Due to this, the domestic trade of the match industry was severely affected. This was again conveyed to the Union Ministers. Following this, the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced on 13.10.2024 restrictions on the import of pocket lighters, gas fuelled, non-refillable or refillable lighters (cigarette lighters).

The import of potassium chloride was banned due to the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the US economic restrictions. When the match industry was affected, the Government of Tamil Nadu acted quickly and purchased it in bulk through Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited and provided it to match manufacturers.

Accepting the demand of the world-renowned Kovilpatti peanut candy manufacturers, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on February 24 last year that a peanut candy mini group would be set up in the Kovilpatti area. Accordingly, the foundation stone for a public facility unit for peanut candy production with a Government subsidy of Rs. 6.42 crore and an estimated cost of Rs. 7.13 crore was laid by the Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment. This scheme will come into operation by April.

In Tamil Nadu, which is a leading state in industrial development, every project is being implemented in a manner that it reaches crores of people.

In the past 10 years, while only Rs. 3,617 crore and 62 lakh had been provided, in these 5 years alone, Rs. 6,626 crore has been allocated.

In the past 4 years, under 5 self-employment schemes, Rs. 2,057 crore and 90 lakh has been provided as subsidies. Rs. 5,301 crore and 63 lakh has been provided as bank loans and 63,014 new entrepreneurs have been created.

## Success Story

Tiruppur District

# ‘Nalam Kakkum Stalin’ scheme gives new lease of life to two little kids with congenital heart disease

The Hon’ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, and the Hon’ble Minister for Human Resources Management, Tmt. N. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj, on 20.09.2025, at Carmel Girls Higher Secondary School, Kangeyam, Tiruppur District, distributed Nutritional Welfare Kits to two children who had been diagnosed with congenital heart disease under the National Child Health Programme and had undergone heart surgery through the Chief Minister’s Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, during the ‘Nalam Kakkum Stalin’ camp.

Following the launch of the ‘Nalam Kakkum Stalin’ scheme by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 02.08.2025 through video conferencing on behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, the first camp was held in Vellakovil Taluk, the second in Tiruppur Corporation, the third in Palladam Taluk, the fourth in Tiruppur (Perumanallur) Taluk, the fifth in Chinnakampalayam Taluk, the sixth in Mulanur Taluk, and the seventh in Kangeyam Taluk.

At these camps, various kinds of specialized medical services have been provided, including cancer screening, distribution of the

Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance card, issue of identity cards for unorganized workers, blood tests, ECG, ECHO, X-ray, USG, sputum tests, urine tests, and screening for breast cancer. Additionally, special consultations were offered in general medicine, general surgery, orthopedics, obstetrics, paediatrics, cardiology, neurology, dermatology, pulmonology, psychiatry, ENT, radiology, diabetology, Siddha, and Ayurveda.

The 'Nalam Kakkum Stalin' camp is a comprehensive health camp. Specialist doctors from various medical colleges and Government hospitals provided treatment. The necessary laboratory equipment was brought from different hospitals for use at the camp. For all those attending, CBC, blood urea, and serum creatinine tests were made mandatory. For men and women above 40 years, ECG was compulsory. For women above 30 years, cervical cancer and breast cancer screenings were conducted. Special arrangements were made for obstetrics and gynecology.

So far, seven 'Nalam Kakkum Stalin' camps have been conducted in Tiruppur district, benefiting a total of 10,255 participants..

Tmt. Isaipriya, resident of Old Fort Road, Kangeyam Municipality, Tiruppur District, shared her experience:

Baby Yazhini

"My name is Isaipriya. I live with my family in Old Fort Road, Kangeyam Municipality. My husband, Ramesh, works in a private rice mill. Our daughter Yazhini is 14 months old. We were informed by the Anganwadi worker that the RBSK team

(Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram) from Kangeyam Taluk would be conducting health checkups for children at the Old Fort Road Anganwadi Centre. Accordingly, we took our child for the check-up. During the examination, the RBSK team detected a congenital heart defect in our child.

The team referred us to the District Early Intervention Centre, where doctors confirmed the condition and informed us that treatment would cost about Rs.5 lakh. We were deeply distressed. At that time, the Government doctors advised us that surgery could be done under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme. Accordingly, surgery costing Rs. 5 lakh was successfully performed at a private hospital in Coimbatore. Now, our child is in good health and is being monitored regularly by the medical team.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, for giving our child a healthy life through the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, which supports poor and simple people like us."

Tmt. Maheshwari, resident of Chikkampalayam, Marudhur Panchayat, Kangeyam, Tiruppur District, shared her experience:

"My name is Maheshwari. I live with my family in Chikkampalayam, Marudhurai Panchayat, Kangeyam. My husband, Ramesh, distributes milk to houses and shops. Our daughter, Rithanya, is 15 months old. We regularly take her to the Chikkampalayam Anganwadi Centre for monthly weight and height check-ups. On 25.09.2024, the Kangeyam Taluk RBSK team examined our child and detected a congenital heart defect.

Baby Rithanya

Later, on 15.11.2024, the team referred us to the District Early Intervention Centre, where further examinations were carried out. Following doctors' advice, surgery was performed on 18.11.2024 at a private hospital in Coimbatore under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme at a cost of Rs.5 lakh. Now, our child is in good health. On 30.12.2024, the RBSK team again visited and confirmed our child's wellbeing. At present, our child is under continuous monitoring by the medical team.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Sir, for providing a healthy life to our child through the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, which supports poor and simple people like us.".

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## Let us know

# Expert Committee formed to suggest ways for reopening Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill

- The Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill was established in 1962 at Krishnarayapuram in Tiruppur District. The plant was started with a crushing capacity of 1,250 tonnes per day and 2.15 lakh metric tonnes per annum.
- The Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mills Complex has a rectified spirit plant with a daily production capacity of 55,000 litres and an Ethanol Plant of 30,000 litres daily capacity.
- The Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill has been temporarily non-operational since the crushing season of 2023-2024 due to non-availability of sufficient sugarcane for crushing and frequent mechanical faults during crushing due to its 60-year-old machinery.
- The farmers of the Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill area have been constantly urging the Government to reconstruct and restart the Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill.
- Concerned about the welfare of the farmers, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu immediately accepted the request of the farmers and on the same day announced that an expert committee would be set up to examine and recommend ways to reconstruct and restart the Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill.
- A Government Order was released stating that a 10-member expert committee, headed by the Director of Sugar Department, and comprising the Additional Director of Sugar, Senior Officials of the Department of Sugar and Technology, Scientists of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Scientists of the Sugarcane Breeding Institute and the Joint Director of Agriculture, Tiruppur District, was constituted.
- The expert committee will inspect the Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill and listen to the views of all including farmers and workers and submit a report to the Government. Based on the report of the committee, further action will be taken on the resumption of the Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mill.

# 'Just five minutes for name change in ration card - beneficiary relates Ungaludan Stalin Camp experience

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the 'Ungaludan Stalin' scheme at Chidambaram, Cuddalore District on 15.07.2025. Following that, the 'Ungaludan Stalin' camp was held at the Lakshmi Kalyana Mandapam, Tirunelveli District. The Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru. M. Appavu, inaugurated the camp by lighting a lamp in the presence of District Collector Thiru. Dr. R. Sukumar, I.A.S., Palayankottai MLA Thiru. M. Abdul Wahab, Corporation Mayor Thiru. G. Ramakrishnan, Corporation Commissioner Dr. Monica Rana, I.A.S., Deputy Mayor Thiru. K. R. Raju and District Panchayat Chairman Thiru. V. S. R. Jagadish.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru. M. Appavu said:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has introduced the 'Ungaludan Stalin' scheme through 3,768 camps in the Corporation, Municipality and Town Panchayat areas of Tamil Nadu and 6,232 camps in the rural areas, making a total of 10,000 camps, and has launched this scheme in Chidambaram to make 46 services available to the public through 15 Departments in the rural areas and 43 services through 13 Departments in the urban areas. The petitions submitted by the public through this scheme across Tamil Nadu will be resolved within 45 days.

Accordingly, the 'Ungaludan Stalin' scheme was launched in Tirunelveli District and 255 camps were held in Tirunelveli District from 15.07.2025, including 38 camps for 55 wards in the corporation areas, 29 camps for 69 wards in the 3 municipal areas of Kalakkadu, Vikramasingapuram and Ambasamudram, 34 camps for 273 wards in 17 town panchayats and 154 camps for panchayat areas.

Three halls were set up to receive petitions for Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme in these camps. Special medical examinations were carried out by the health Department.

Services were provided to the public through Departments such as Revenue and Disaster Management, Health and Family Welfare, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Energy, Co-operative, Food and Consumer Protection, Welfare of Differently-abled Persons, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare, Backward Classes Welfare, Labour Welfare and Skill Development, Housing and Urban Development, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Information Technology and Digital Services, Special Projects Implementation, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, etc.

Furthermore, subsidized loans were provided through Departments such as TAHDCO and District Employment Centre and opportunities were provided to become entrepreneurs. The educated youth and those interested in starting new businesses by benefiting from schemes like Kalaignar Handicraft Scheme, Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme, New Entrepreneurs-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme should approach these Departments and apply with the required certificates to start their businesses and

progress in life. They are requested to use the ongoing 'Ungaludan Stalin' Camps to get the solutions they need.

**Thiru. Subramanian, who submitted a request to the Ungaludan Stalin Camp and got a solution in 5 minutes, told us:**

My name is Subramanian. I reside in a house in Ward 25 of Tirunelveli Corporation. I had applied three times for name change in the family card. Volunteers came to my house regarding the 'Ungaludan Stalin' Camp and handed over a booklet about the camp and told me that I could attend the camp and put forward my requests. I attended the 'Ungaludan Stalin' Camp held at Lakshmi Mahal and applied for name change in the ration card. My application was accepted within 5 minutes and I was immediately granted the order of change of name. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Ayya for implementing the 'Ungaludan Stalin' scheme.

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# Review meeting with Regional Joint Directors and District Information Public Relations Officers

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A review meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, with the Regional Joint Directors of Chennai and Tiruchirappalli and District Information and Public Relations Officers of the Information and Public Relations Department, on 23.09.2025, at the auditorium of Government of Tamil Nadu Music College, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai. The meeting was attended by the Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. V. Rajaraman I.A.S., the Director of Information and Public Relations Dr. R. Vaithinathan, I.A.S., Additional Director (Information), Thiru. S. Selvaraj, Additional Director (Public Relations), Dr. R. Baskaran, and senior officials.

# Tamil Nadu takes milestone decision declaring Elathur Lake as 3rd Biodiversity Heritage Site

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has notified Elathur Lake in Erode District, spanning 37.42.50 hectares, as the State's third Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) under Section 37(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, followed by Arittapatti which was notified in November 2022 and Kasampatti notified in March 2025.
- Elathur comprises deep and shallow waters, marshlands, scrublands, mudflats, and rocky terrain, supporting a wide array of life. . It is a true testament to the resilience of nature and people. Declaring it as a Biodiversity Heritage Site reinforces Tamil Nadu's commitment to protecting endangered species and ecosystems, while ensuring that conservation and livelihoods go hand in hand. This action is not about regulation, but rather about empowering and recognizing local communities as custodians of invaluable heritage. "Tamil Nadu has consistently shown leadership in biodiversity conservation, and Elathur is joining this journey, ensuring that the wonders of this lake are recognized, celebrated and protected for generations to come.
- Arittapati was declared a designated area on 21.11.2022, followed by Kasampatti on 12.03.2025.
- Elathur Lake is an important ecological site of evolutionary significance and serves as a vital habitat for both migratory and non-migratory birds, aquatic species, and diverse wetland ecosystems. Its deep water bodies, dense banks, coniferous forests, and rocky landscapes support rich biodiversity.
- Around 5,000 birds gather here during peak migratory seasons. The lake shelters the Endangered Steppe Eagle, two Vulnerable species (River Tern and Greater Spotted Eagle), and five Near Threatened species

such as the Asian Woollynecked Stork, Red-necked Falcon, Painted Stork, Oriental Darter, and Black-headed Ibis. Altogether, 187 bird species are recorded.

- ✶ Flagship Species include Northern Pintail, Garganey, Wagtails, Sandpipers, Warblers, Bar-headed Goose, Green-winged Teal, Shoveler, Wigeon, Shrike, and various migratory raptors.
- ✶ The site hosts 38 plant species, 35 butterfly species, 12 dragonflies, 12 damselflies, 12 reptiles, 7 mammals, amphibians, fishes, and several invertebrates.
- ✶ Additionally, Elathur Lake acts as a living repository of genetic diversity, contributing to resilience and climate adaptation.
- ✶ The lake's protection not only secures ecological benefits but also sustains cultural traditions and heritage values linked to the ecosystem.
- ✶ By declaring Elathur Lake as a Biodiversity Heritage Site, Tamil Nadu strengthens its leadership in conservation and sustainable heritage management.
- ✶ The recognition safeguards Elathur's biodiversity, ecological role, and cultural significance, ensuring it remains a legacy for future generations.

## Birth anniversary of former Chennai Mayor Sivaraj

**News in Picture**

On the occasion of the 134th birth anniversary of former Chennai Mayor Sivaraj, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M. P. Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Thiru. P. K. Sekar Babu, Greater Chennai Corporation Mayor, Tmt R. Priya, Deputy Mayor, Thiru. M. Mahesh Kumar, Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S., Director of Information and Public Relations Dr. R. Vaithinathan, I.A.S., representatives of local bodies, and senior Government officials paid floral tribute to the decorated portrait placed in front of the statue of the former Mayor at the clock tower intersection in Thangasalai, Chennai, on 29.09.2025.

# Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Model Question Paper with Answers

1. Reason and Assertion type :

   Assertion [A] : C.N. Annadurai organised small labour unions.

   Reason [R] : Labour welfare is related to time and place.

   (A) (A) is true but [R] is false

   (B) Both [A] and [R] are true; and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

   (C) [A] is false, [R] is true

   (D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

2. Choose the right matches among the folding :

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   | (1) | Madurai Gandhi | - | N.M. Subburaman |
   | (2) | Thatchina Gandhi ` | - | Rajaji |
   | (3) | Vidyalaya Iyya | - | Kamaraj |
   | (4) | Father of Tamil Nadu Library Movement | - | A. Ramasamy |

   (A) (1) and (3) are correct (B) (1) and (2) are correct

   (C) (2) and (3) are correct (D) (3) and (4) are correct

3. Rao Bahadur Sir A.T. Panneerselvam was a ____________ leader, who previously served in the Governor Erskine's Executive council.

   A) Swarajya Party (B). Congress Party

   (C) Justice Party (D) Samajwadi Party

4. In accordance with the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission, states will be allowed a fiscal deficit of 4.0% of GSDP of which 0.5% will be tied to reform the following sector.

   (A) Agriculture reform (B) Power sector reform

   (C) Industrial sector reform (D) Service sector reform

5. Which of the following statements are true about Temple Entry Movement?

   (i) The British Government in the Madras Presidency passed an Act on November 1 of 1817

(ii) It supported the identical powers of Temple Management

(iii) It was the model of the Bengal Act No. XIX of 1810

(A) (ii) and (iii) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only

(C) (i) and (iii) only
(D) (iii) only

6. Which book guided the Poligar confederacy against British which had a maxim "Pretend submission and Procrastinate surrender before the formidable enemy"?

(A) Mahabharatam
(B) Ramayanam

(C) Panchathantram
(D) Silappathikaram

7. Arrange the following events in the chronological order

(1) Bharatha Matha Society
(2) Madras Mahajana Sabha

(3) Home Rule League
(4) Madras Dravidian Association

(A) (3), (4), (2), (1)
(B) (2), (1), (4), (3)

(C) (1), (2), (3), (4)
(D) (4), (3), (2), (1)

8. According to Valluvar, what is Venmai (Stupidity)?

(A) Arrogance that cries, "Behold we claim that glory of wise"

(B) The fools would conceal nakedness

(C) Fools think what they know is knowledge serene and pretend

(D) The shallow who are lazy to listen to wise counsel

9. What are the things "Being with Kings, Discerning unspoken thoughts, knowing the audience", stated in these Chapters by Thiruvalluvar?

1) About Minister's behavior
(2) Minister's advised to King

(3) How a king should treat another King
(4) Related Psychology Ideas

(A) (1) and (3) only
(B) (2) and (4) only

(C) (3) only
(D) (1), (2) and (4) only

10. Makkale Polvar 'Kayavar' Avaranna
Oppaari yaanganta thil

- In this verse who is mentioned as Kayavar?

(A) Irresponsible persons
(B) Individual peoples

(C) Aimless peoples
(D) All of these

11. According to Valluvar instruction, "The person who follows an ascetic life', what should be done to avoid contempt?

(A) Non stealing (B) Non killing

(C) Non angry (D) Non desire

12. To whom wealth compared to the full water of city tank?

(A) Man of eminent knowledge (B) Evil friends

(C) Gambling (D) Baseness

13. Who is the author of the Novel "Kaagetha Sangiligal"?

(A) Sujatha Rangarajan (B) Vaali

(C) Jayagandan (D) Pudumaipithan

14. Match the authors with their magazines:

| Author | | Magazine |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Jeyakanthan | - | 1. Thendral |
| (b) Na. Parthasarathy | - | 2. Annam Vidu Thoothu |
| (c) Kannadasan | - | 3. Gnanaratham |
| (d) Meera | - | 4. Deepam |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (B) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (C) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| (D) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |

15. Which work refers to the war at 'Kazhumalam?

(A) Kurunthogai (B) Agananooru (C) Natrinai (D) Paripadal

16. Malaiyulae pirapinum malaiku

avaitham en seiyum

- In which book does these lines occur?

(A) Kurunthogai (B) Agananooru (C) Kalithogai (D) Natrinai

17. Who was the first accused in the Ashe murder case?

(A) Sankara Krishnan (B) Nilakanda Brahmachari

(C) Madasami (D) Vanchinathan

18. Which place was the most important learning center of the Jain Scholars?

(A) Madurai (B) Trichy (C) Tanjore (D) Thiruvalangadu

19. Match the following Titles of the Kings:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Pandiyar | - | 1. Aadhavan |
| (b) Cherar | - | 2. Thithiyan |
| (c) Chola | - | 3. Chezhiyan |
| (d) Aai | - | 4. Sembian |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (B) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (D) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

20. Tamil Nadu Disaster Recovery Centre (TNDRC) is located at

(A) Chennai (B) Tiruchirapalli

(C) Coimbatore (D) Madurai

21. Government of Tamil Nadu's 'Pudhumai Penn' Scheme ensures

(A) Women Participation in Politics

(B) Higher Education for Women

(C) Increased Women Employment Opportunities

(D) Marriage Assistance Scheme

22. Compared to the year 2017-2018 Tamil Nadu in terms of health index falls on the category of _________ in the 3rd round of 2018-2019.

(A) Improved rank (B) Retained rank

(C) Deteriorated rank (D) Negative incremental performance

23. Tamil Nadu follows ___________ to implement the family welfare and Child Health Programmes in the State.

(A) Community needs Assessment Approach

(B) Strategic Plan Approach

(C) Top-down approach

(D) Strategic Management Approach

24. The prime duty of the Central Health Education Bureau 1956 was in

(A) Free Health Care Service and activities

(B) Health education in primary level

(C) Health for all

(D) Coordinate and promote health education through various divisions

25. What is the recent addition to the existing family of AYUSH system?

(A) Reflexology (B) Sowa Rigpa (C) Naturopathy (D) Accupuncture

## Answers

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.—(D) | 2.—(A) | 3.—(C) | 4.—(B) | 5.—(B) |
| 6.—(C) | 7.—(B) | 8.—(A) | 9.—(D) | 10.—(D) |
| 11.—(A) | 12.—(A) | 13.—(A) | 14.—(D) | 15.—(B) |
| 16.—(C) | 17.—(B) | 18.—(A) | 19.—(B) | 20.—(B) |
| 21.—(B) | 22.—(A) | 23.—(A) | 24.—(D) | 25.—(B) |

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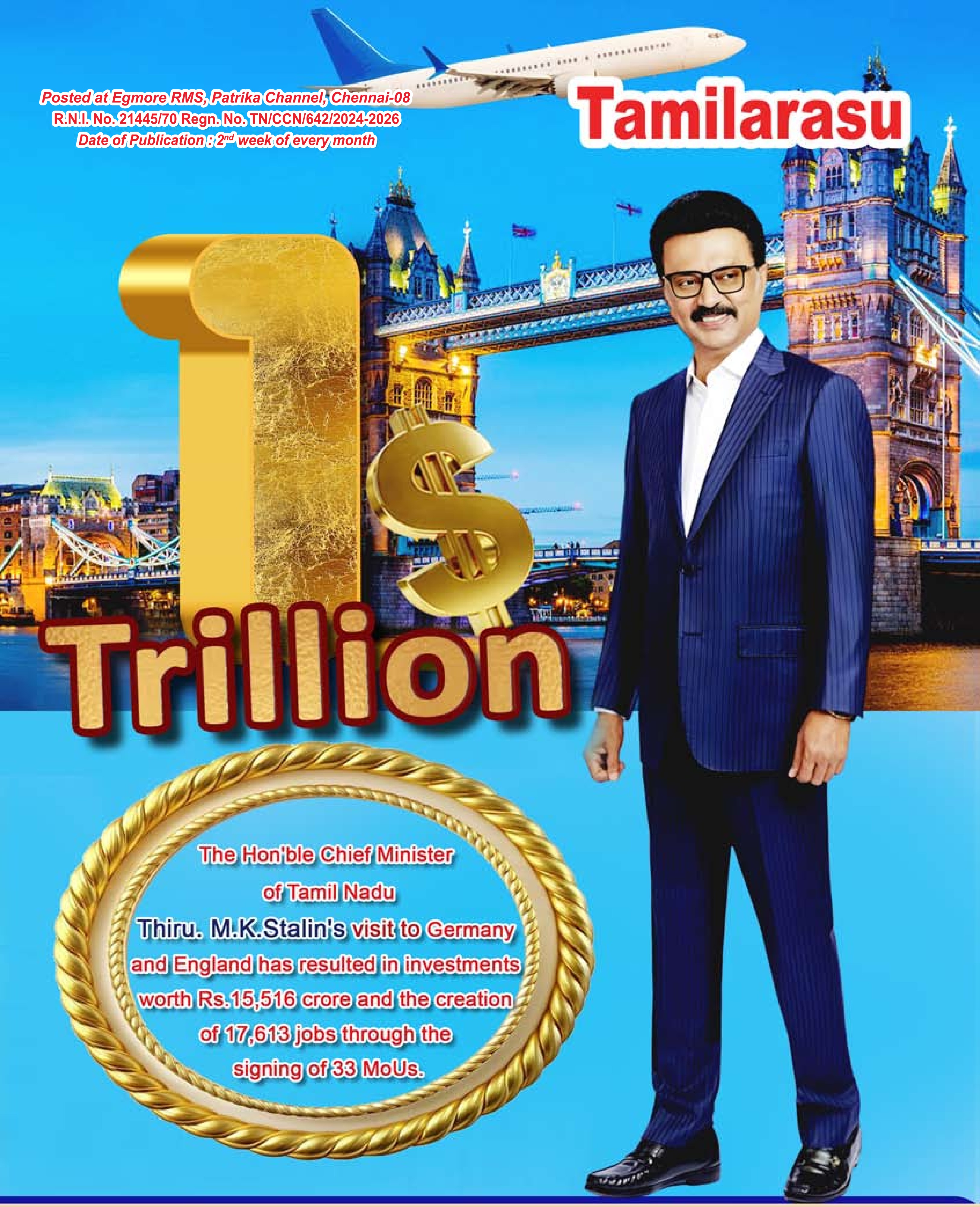


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